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certain. GeoChart is the "what you see is what you get" format. That is, pull down menus, windows and more. GeoChart is for the CIB and CIB owners.

Manufacturer: *Software* 2178 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California 94704 Tel: 415 844 6883



Bob Hubbard - owner in real

Watch It Chat

Microprose are about to launch an attack on your screen with *Navy Seal*, a 44 game packed with action. You are a member of the Elite US Navy team, the sea-warfare commandos, who are experts in sabotage, demolition, reconnaissance and subterfuge. So that you don't

Huhhu Huhhu!

Electronic Arts have enhanced their popular game from *Ballistic*, *Paper-Joe*, by adding a new sound track from Bob Hubbard.

Bob, who left the UK in '86 to work in sunny California, has been busy working on a major project. The work involves creating a code package that will allow real soundtracks to be produced. The dream, we are told, will be made over and over again for any product that requires a soundtrack.

Manufacturer: *Electronic Arts*, Los Angeles, Southern Cross 15140 Saurian Road, Long Beach, California, 92643 USA Tel: 619 334 4642



Make a Stand

Have you noticed how a computer "furniture" never gets a mention? Well, here goes. From MDS of Miami Hempstead comes the MDPS 750 printer stand. Of all the peripherals, printers seem to cause the most positional headaches, but this new stand could solve all your problems (although the £204 price tag may put you off). It is, and I quote, "uniquely designed to achieve maximum efficiency and part of a comprehensive modular desk

system which measures 750mm wide, 1180mm high and 750mm deep, fits an 18 inch cabinet on the top, making the unit suitable for both top and bottom feed printers". The other good point is the electronic cable management system incorporated into this unit - no more wires and cables need get in the way.

Manufacturer: *MDS Industry (UK) Ltd*, Faversham, Essex road, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9QS Tel: 0642 211302



miss the boat - a *Navy Seal* Digital Watch (right) will be given away with every copy purchased. The release date should be early April, at an expected cost of £12.95 on disk.

Manufacturer: *Microprose*, 2 Market place, Ithaca, New York 14850 Tel: 607 54236

Change At Waterloo

Persons of Restricted Growth everywhere here's your chance to get your own back! The latest offering from SSI available via US Gold allows you to assume the persona of 'Sheriff' Bonaparte and change the course of history. Called *Avatar of Napoleon*, a reconstruction of this program allows you to enter right into the Napoleonic wars, or simply create your own. We are assured that these battles are meticulously recreated in every detail, with cavalry charges, bombardments, skirmishes and fortifications. Priced at £24.99 for the C64, the game offers good value.

Available: *US Gold, Direct*
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Special Relationship

News has reached us of a historical deal between

the nations of which should prove beneficial to all you game players. The deal means that Knights will market A/W software here in the U.K. and A/W will market them over there. The first product off the press was *Prince*, which was released on March 19th for the Atari ST and Amiga.

The Hammy Hamsters

Places and fortunes can make people do weird and wonderful things. *Ham and Hughes* became a machine a certain Mr. Ham bought a rat's factory, and Mr. Hughes managed every man's dream. Now it's the turn of the Darling family. Not content with producing both possible budget software, they have recently broken out into song. To help promote their latest release, *Royal Star*, they've formed a group which, for reasons best known to themselves, is called The Hamsters. Judging by the picture I know which Hamster I'd like as a pet!

Available: *Code Masters*

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Amiga Airlines

Boyers of Commodore's new 'Amiga Air Miles Pack' will be receiving five air miles along with their machines. The package offers an Amiga 500, a TV Modulator, three new games (*Roger Rabbit*, *Robulan* and *StarWar*), comprehensive paint package and 500 free air miles offered 199/98. The offer will give Commodore customers the chance to book return flights to a number of European cities, including Paris and Amsterdam. All flight vouchers will be valid until March 1993, and can be easily redeemed via the special Commodore Air Miles Hotline as well as local travel agents.

Available: *Commodore
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Hit The Jackpot At The Commodore Show!

Commodore are giving away £500 worth of computer equipment to the Amiga user with the most innovative and unusual use for his machine. A nation-wide search has been launched to discover as many weird and wonderful applications for the Amiga as possible, and entries will be judged by a panel of experts at the Commodore Computer Show, which opens at the Festival, Harrogate on June 2.

The show itself has been revamped by Database Editions, and will now include sessions on making music, graphics. Commodore magazines (including of course PC) and game writing. 'Beat The Author' competitions are also planned, so which games will be able to take on 'beaten' authors and try to beat them at their own game. But one of the big highlights of the show will undoubtedly be the innovative competition.

Commodore has already discovered a wide variety of uses for the Amiga, from bird-watching to taking on horses, and has even heard of one user who wrote out menus for reptiles on his machine! If you think you can match these innovative applications, all you need to do is write a brief description, no more than 500 words and send it in, along with any necessary support material on disk, to:

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Entries should reach us before May 31st



Mailbag

Your chance to air your views on Your Commodore

I have just received a Commodore PET 3032 Computer from a friend. With it was a 3096 Disk Drive and 4032(P) Printer. I was wondering if you or one of your readers had any information on software availability. Please send any information to me, thank you.
R-M. Crank, 28 Orange Road, Bramley Cross, Milton, BL7 9AE

ribbons? I feel that it's a great waste to throw them away.

Could not possibly mistake them with ink in some way? If so, which ink should be used, or can I send them somewhere to be done?
J. Osborn, Luton, Beds

Our reply

The answer John at jet Printer ribbons can be recycled. If you get a copy of Micro Computer World, you will find a firm advertising this service every week.

I was recently given a PET 3032, a 3096 Disk Drive and a 4032 Printer together with four good software packages complete with manuals and dongles, where necessary. I only want to use the PET for wordprocessing, and so I am sending out an appeal. Is there anyone out there that has a program for the 3032 that they don't want? If so, please contact me at my address. Thank you.
A. Simpson, 4 Goldenstone Avenue, Dunbar, East Lothian

Could we now, everyone, at least share our own petting animal machines but there must be someone out there who can help?

Dear VC

With three CDU disks, I have had some loading problems. The fault has not with yourselves, but rather with the newspapers, when they reach magazines on top of each other. I have found that "Folding" the disk beforehand seems to cure the problem.

I don't know what proportion of failures are returned, but the Tip may help in some way.
J.F. Peacock Wood, Tonbridge, Kent

Our reply

Thank for this helpful disk tip. We do get some returned disks, and many of them are caused by this simple method.

Unfortunately some copies and load errors do not result from obvious disk air.

Dear VC

I have been competing over issues the Commodore 64 was first produced. In this time I have brought various computer magazines, mainly multi-format, and I've noticed various discrepancies between reviews of the same game. For instance, Tetris received 30 out of 100 from me, but 97.5 from another.

The trouble with two completely different results in which one did I believe? Do I take the advice of magazine A and stay clear of it, or do I take B's advice and sell my TV so that I can buy it?

The last advice for anyone is to try and get into the reviewer's mind. Some reviewers are their hopes too high, and so a game doesn't come up to their expectations, they give it a poor score.

A recent review of Thunderblade is a good example of this. One reviewer of the game said "The graphics at this point, Level 1 stage 1, were very disappointing - the buildings are just stacked squares."

Personally, I think the graphics are very good. Okay, the first stage on each level is a blick, but you can't really expect to see graphics on just? It would be much too slow. Anyway, you've always got stages 1 and 3 on each level to make up for it.

Another annoying claim is "Missing". You know the kind of thing "The Q button doesn't work, so you have to use the PT key". A great example of this can be found in the same review of Thunderblade. The reviewer said "Unfortunately, it is hard to find any difference between common and uncommon rocks". There are two possible reasons for this - (A) His Thunderblade disk drive was faulty or (B) their copy of the game was faulty. There are the only possibilities, as my copy of the game is the opposite.

In conclusion then, what do you do if two reviews differ? The first option is to use if you can have a demonstration of the program (thereby allowing you to make up your own mind). The second option is to simply take a chance.

M. Kinsley, Chichester, West Sussex

Our reply

Thanks for such a long and useful letter. However, I think you're missing the point (as do a lot of people). Reviews of software do not differ from any other form of review or test. Film, Video, Records, Food, Clothes etc etc.

The whole point here is this - the comments passed are the comments of that particular person, NOT the comments of a professional critic! For example, I personally have never liked Elton, but for 15 million other users it is the best program ever.

Advice for our visitors are the only people that produce direct advantages, but that thousands of people would not agree. Finally, our most remember that a reviewer's comments are his own personal comments. A review can't really tell you what the objective is and how the game plays. There is only one person that can say whether it is good or bad, and that is you.

Dear VC

Is there anything that can be done with old printer

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Commodore computer show

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Business

Many companies are keen demonstrating their latest software and hardware specially designed to enhance the business use of Commodore computers.

As well as products for the CBM and Amiga series you'll find software for the popular Apple II and the professional Commodore PC compatible range.

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Education

Commodore machines are widely used in educational fields all over the country. With the development of BASIC, now on the desktop and the advent of desktop video boards using TV screens with color and graphics, the range of educational applications is endless.

At the show you'll also have the latest software

perhaps on making real breakthroughs in the educational sector and be able to try them out for yourself.

Special Events

As well as special events and presentations, you'll also be able to meet some of your favorite software stars and maybe get a chance to talk with them about how they use money in their work.

So for a great day out, whether you want to see what the future holds for Commodore computers, to see the latest software or to get advice on specific applications, the Commodore show is the place to go. And if you can't make it today, we'll keep it off the year of each ticket!

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How to make sense of Listings By Norman Doyle

Though listings can be much more of a treasure than it used to be. At *Four Commodore*, we are aware that sometimes the programs seem difficult or even incomprehensible. Our Listings work their System Character and special codings may save the way, but sometimes more support is required.

Many programs are hard to read, and each part uses the same line numbers. How is this possible and how do you get about typing them in?

First of all it should be explained that a set of these programs form a suite which operate in sequence. The way to use them is to type in the first program and save it. Now the computer should be closed by entering NEW or even by switching the computer off and on.

Proceeding to the second listing, the program is again typed in and saved. If you're storing the programs on tape you should ensure that the programs are saved sequentially after the first one. For disk users, it doesn't matter where it's saved as long as it is

on the same disk as the first program. After checking that all has been saved safely, the machine is again rebooted using NEW as the power switch.

Any subsequent programs should be treated in the same way as the second listing and the result will be a string of programs. One word of caution which should be heeded is that the programs should be saved under the same given to *Four Commodore* because each program occasionally uses one of these numbers to load in the next program in the string.

Suite Conclusion

One question which we're often asked is why these multi-part programs are needed. The answer is that they are a necessary saving of time-saving measure.

Many programs use predefined characters, machine code patches and so forth. The information for this has to be poked into position because they rarely occupy memory locations which *Basic* uses. This difficulty can be overcome in either of two ways.

The data can be poked into position each time the program is loaded and forms an integral part of the program. This has the disadvantage of the time the program takes to move the data in but, more importantly, reduces the amount of space for the master program itself.

Another way of achieving the same result is to use a series of set-up programs before the main program is loaded. The set-ups are loaded and run in turn and each one pokes information into memory where it cannot be touched by any subsequent loading routines. Consequently, once the program has done its job it is no longer needed and the program can even be removed by typing in NEW without causing the effect of the main program when it is eventually loaded.

One thing that you cannot do is to verify the computer's off and on again! This action totally clears the memory, including the data which has been poked in.

When the first program has done its job, the next program is loaded normally and run. Now there are two

blocks of data looked away easily. The constraints used the final program as a model. This is the main program which holds the key to unlocking and using the data about the previous programs positioned. The fact that each of the programs may have contained the data has numbers, a really irrelevant because it's when each program does and not how it does it. It's a little like moving a barrel by hand and an elementary but, there both carry the same address but the effect they have on the world is totally different.

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Although this system solves the problem of memory space, it does not save time and a long programmer's wait is still feared to make the data into pictures. One way to overcome this is to create a program which not only makes the data into pictures, but also saves the more data block afterwards.

These programs provide basic leaders with their correct ideas, are quite common and need no special materials. The process can be

quite complemented as we'll talk the case of a simple harmonic wave

As usual, the program is typed in and saved before running it. Next a new tape or disk should be placed in the storage device. Now when the program runs it will go to the disk back onto the new tape but in a different frame. This new program will be loaded directly into memory without the need for a basic program to guide it there. These programs usually have to be started with a SYS command and once checked, the program that was originally typed in can be forgotten and unused.

The Basic program is rather like a game plan which becomes useless once the conditions have been removed.

A program of this kind which is unperformed into pairs is immediately recognizable because the master program is the first in the chain. If this is in Roman it should be typed in and named. If it is a Basic loader it must be treated differently.

Serve The Leader

A. Manual handling can be minimized by

the result of DATA statements which must be typed in. Another indicator is the shortness of the actual program, including the DATA statements, which often only contains a FOR-NEXT loop organized by complex FOR commands.

If the main program proves to be a Power loader it should be typed on and saved but when it is run a separate disk- or tape should be already in the main drive.

After dealing with the main program, any subsequent parts should be typed in and then moved to the first tape or disk. On running, the resultant program should be saved on the second tape immediately, after the successful test.

Basically, the rule to remember is that any programs, which have duplicated low numbers cannot reside in memory at the same time. They should be typed in and saved separately according to the instructions given in the relevant Four Commodore article or the REW statements on the floppy, themselves. Stick to this rule and you'll never go wrong, well, except!

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The Case of the Electronic Home

'Holmes, I've got a letter from a distraught magazine editor asking us to investigate the future of the electronic home, but I don't know how to go about the job.' 'Well, Watson, you can always pop down to the furniture exhibition at Bath's Court and see what's new.' 'That's Ideal Holmes' (Oh dear, Ed).

So it was that our two astute detectives went off in search of clues as to how long it would be before everything in the home could be operated at the flick of a switch.

When they arrived at the show, though, they were in for something of a surprise. Whereas even a couple of years before, every machine was being heavily promoted as the all-singing, all-dancing model with more lights and buttons than you know what to do with, this year's displays were much more restrained in design. It was as if it was assumed that the machine could do every thing that was asked of it, and it was simply left at that.

There are two distinct problems here, said Holmes. 'To start with, you will notice that just about every machine, from automatic washing machines, hair-dryers etc, which in turn give the user access to a plethora of functions. But although the customer may appreciate having all these extra functions, he doesn't actually use many of them. After all, just about every single compact disc player lets you programme the tracks in any order that you want, but who at their night-maid is going to mess about with the order of the movements in a Mozart symphony?'

'The second problem is that nothing is companion unless you make so just one monotonous. So the customer ends up with separate remote control handsets for his television, video and hi-fi. None of them will run on his dishwasher, and he can only use them over a limited range. What is needed is some all-powerful central system.

Leaving aside his relentless search for the dreaded Moriarty, Mr Sherlock Holmes and his old friend Dr Watson visit the Ideal Homes exhibition and discover that 221B Baker Street is not all that it should be...

By Gordon Hamlett



'I notice that all the display houses have a study' commented Watson. 'The idea of people working more and more from home permits even though there is little evidence to suggest that it is actually happening. It seems that computers are still regarded as toys unless they possess those three magic letters. IBM Machines still have not caught on as they have done in

America. Instead, no home should be without its own personal fax machine.'

'If we are not very careful, Watson, you and I could soon be out of a job. The one major area of expansion in the electronics field is in security systems. I see that Modern Alarms are offering a wire-free programmable system easy to install, as mounting up the doorways, and it can be taken



with you while you move. And every type of alarm imaginable is here: magnetic contacts, heat radar, sound vibration, breaking glass, infra red beams and close circuit wiring. There are even personal alarm buttons.

"How is this enterprise, burglar? supposed to get past that little lot, and if there are no criminals then what are we to do? Ah, that is something that would fool even me. A machine that emits artificial barking, comes. Remember that man of the dog that didn't bark in the night?" The device would have totally wound up that story.

There find no trace of violence here Holmes. It looks as if we will have to put up with Mrs Hudson's housekeeping for at least another year. This is a case field that has definitely not progressed as quickly as everybody anticipated, although I still have reasons that two of the biggest fast food chains are battling to be the first



to get their customers served by automation!

As I said, Watson, I think that we have found what we were looking for. A system that will control every domestic appliance in the house and which can be operated either from the central processing unit, from a handset or, most importantly, via a telephone link. Just think of it: being able to phone home if we are out on a case and instruct the video to record *(Crimewatch and Police?)*

"I see that the system, Confidant from Coda - works by means of a series of transceivers placed in every appliance. It then communicates with the central processing unit using existing main cabling. That gives it a large display panel as well, so that you keep addresses and dates, dates as well as being able to check up on usage prices and issue times. That would have been useful in the Backsville case."

"We would be able to control the temperature in every room in the house, varying it at and when we can. The Lighting could be similarly controlled, ranging from individual lamps upwards. Imagine being able to turn on the kitchen light from your bed when you had forgotten to do so. All your alarm-controlled security devices could be checked easily, although it would mean the input of our domestic power if I have beforehand exactly who had turned up at my front door."

"Turning on the radio, doing the washing in the middle of the night and arranging for records of my beloved violin music to start playing in town as I walked through the door. And all available in the next couple of years for about a thousand pounds."

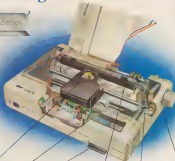
That has got to be the way forward at Watson! That is where the future of the electronic house lies. It doesn't matter what make of appliances you've got, they can all be controlled from one system. I would guess that we will be hearing of many more such control systems in the next few years, each offering more and more features and with the price coming down all the time.

"There's only one thing left for us to investigate now Watson, and that is to find out what is on the other side of that yellow door." What is so special about the yellow door Holmes? "It is a known entry my dear Watson" (How clever). *Alas, no more please - a distraught Ed*



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Q4 Please fill in the factors in the second and third rows of the following table. The L2/L3 will also perform a subject-level analysis (e.g., using a temporal basis function for the parameter α) and a group-level hierarchical (Bayesian) analysis. And while you provide the β , we will fit a group-level model to the group-level data.

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Returner

Return to the menu at any time with this ingenious program

The problem of keeping records of what's on your disk was addressed in *Commodore Disk Cart Vol 1, No 2* (Dec/Feb 88) by Mario Maker. This useful utility allowed you to load any program directly from the Menu, but to return to MENU you had to add the load statement to each program on the disk which is not enough to do, but usually means putting check questions in and having to end the running up of the program. You could also do it by pressing Run Stop and reloading "Menu", but that's rather a waste of time.

The program Returner allows you to leave a program at any point or time, and return to the menu to select an alternative program without all the problems outlined above.

On loading and activating the "RESTORER" program code, the first job that it does is to set up the "RESTORE" key and automatically load a MENU.

Obviously, for the program to work correctly you must have a "MENU" program on your disk. We have published quite a few such programs in the past. Alternatively, you could write one of your own. To get the best results, it is advisable to have at least two, if not more, programs on your menu.

Once you have your menu program running, you select which program you want as normal. On running the selected program, you can press the "RESTORE" key at any time to return to your MENU program.

If the retainer won't work

There are two reasons why Returner may not work.

1. The program in memory is using the NMI interrupt, or it is returning the interrupt values to normal values. You need to alter your program (if possible) so that it's not using the NMI interrupt.

N.B. The NMI interrupt values are located at 78D764 (\$910-\$A00).

2. The memory location where "Returner" is located is being used by the program being run. See solution below.

Program checker

This program will provide you with alternative memory locations to hold the "Returner" program. Load "CHECKER" & run. This will give the following instructions on screen.

```
First Type in N
Then Load Menu, Load A File, & Run
Load Menu, Load Another File Repeat
Repeat Until all Files Loaded
Load Checker & Type Y
How You Wiped Below?
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When running "Checker" will show a blank screen until processing is complete. This will take approximately three minutes and then show on the screen:

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Ready,
Load "Menu".
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Press Return. Run the menu, then load first file. Then reset computer by pressing RUNSTOP & RESTORE (or by using a Reset cartridge). Do not switch the computer off & on.

Reload the menu, run the next program, then reset as before and continue until all files have been loaded. Once all the programs on the disk have been run, reload CHECKER, run, and type in Y in the question.

Option: a place to output to printer as well as screen. The result of the program is a list of free memory positions available for retention of the program Returner. You can select the desired position to place Returner (if no space available it will tell you as is a Returner cannot be accommodated on that disk.)



To change the position of retainer in memory

Load "EDIT" & run

The screen will ask for the new start address. You can enter it in Hex or Decimal numbers (the Checker program provides location values in decimal).

Once entered, press return.

The screen will then ask you to state which file you want to be automatically loaded when you press the RESTORE key. If not MENU, then enter to your own requirements - press Return.

The screen will then ask what name you wish to give the Returner program. Put your own name in. The screen will then ask "Are You Satisfied?"

Returner



— if not, type N, if you are, type Y. It returns you to the beginning of the screen, and you will have to re-input memory location etc. When you type Y, it will save the newly-named program to disk.

Starting up your computer

When you start up your computer, you usually load and run the program you named and saved above. It will automatically install the RESTORE key function and run the program you asked to be first loaded (see above).

I recommend that it is the menu as pressing the RESTORE key will automatically return you to this program and the computer is switched off.

Note: A good place to put the 'Returner' program in memory is 800 (1024), as it is not normally used when using data. It relates to the tape drive too, as you won't be able to use the tape drive.

If you have a multi-part game, Returner can be used to return the game by asking it to automatically load as the first part of the game as

part of its program (see above). The next program must, however, have a basic line number at the beginning eg 10 SY53000.

Addition to Returner instructions

It is not recommended to press RESTORE during the use of the disk drive or printer, as the menu may not work properly if you do so.

If you need to press RESTORE while the printer or disk is in use and the menu doesn't work properly, then just press RESTORE again and the menu should work properly.

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Oxford Basic

*Despite its name,
this is a compiler with
several very interesting
extras*

By Norman Doyle

The Oxford Basic package is a mass of four programs designed to get the best from Basic and beyond. The main part of the program is a stunning compiler but, before using that version, the program has to be explained.

At the beginning of the whole process, a good set of utilities can speed things up and keep it all neat. Oxford Basic's Toolkit fits into the high memory slot at 49151, and offers for use some commands which are not used elsewhere.

One glaring omission is an automatic line-numbering command, and another is a command to undo the execution of a NEW or a resume a program after a crash. It's only my opinion of course but to me these missing commands would have enhanced an otherwise comprehensive package.

Vital Statistics

The Addypac really gets inside a program and squashes out every possible value and measurement that the programmers could think about. It takes a little time for the program to be used as fast the way it works—well, because there are seven options available for analysis afterwards.

A Flow Cross-Reference revealed the following facts about the program:

Flow Cross-Reference			Page	
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101	100	101	100	101
102	100	102	100	102
103	100	103	100	103
104	100	104	100	104
105	100	105	100	105
106	100	106	100	106
107	100	107	100	107
108	100	108	100	108
109	100	109	100	109
110	100	110	100	110
111	100	111	100	111
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debugged the original program before
 submitting. couldn't stop."

Another utility which can aid debugging was actually developed for hybrid programs which require parameters to be accessed by a machine code patch. Variables and arrays are stored differently so the uncompiled program or any associated code routines have to be modified. This works on listings of routines which access current variable values because the memory location of variable data is fixed in a compiled program. REPORT is a utility which scans the original program and prints out a table of variable instances to ease the reader's comprehension.

Identity Protection

'Why, in this day and age of colour photocopiers and cameras, do software houses insist on these ridiculous colour charts?' I don't mind protection systems, but I object to this form because I am red green colour blind and the computer always seems to insert colours red, green and yellow.

colours on these charts. Why black, white, and red and yellow can't be chosen defines our

In this case the problem is worsened because each of the four programs is individually protected. In the end, I got so annoyed that I resorted to backing up the programs using a cartridge copier — as much for amusement.

Despite this, the package maintains a very high standard throughout all four machines. Maybe if the space under the ROMs had been used, the build could have been more comprehensive in the manual, but no complaint is perfect and this compiler is comparable though slightly inferior to Supersmith's *Altos*. When this has no effect which *Altos* doesn't is the other three packages which make this package stand out against the competition.

United Communities

CHANGE
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ON MP
END

INFO
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QUIT
RETURN
SIZE
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Analysis Options

Flow cross-section
Data cross-section
Examine data directory
Keyword analysis
Cross-Header file
Generate code
Return on Name

Commonwealth Functions

References

Our Common Foundation

- Quantity of data: 2.8 commands
- Four pass operation
- Error checking
- Location of variables: unknown

AT LAST A POOLS PROGRAM THAT DELIVERS THE GOODS!!

DOE CLUSTERED IN HERE

THE PROGRAM THAT GAVE HUNDREDS OF DIVIDENDS TO ATARIIST USERS, IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMODORE 64. POOLMASTER IS QUITE SIMPLY THE MIND ADVANCED POOL PROGRAM AVAILABLE TODAY. LOOK AT THESE HIGH SCORING FEATURES: 1) POOLMASTER IS GUARANTEED THATS RIGHT WE'RE SO CONFIDENT THAT YOU'LL WIN WITH POOLMASTER THAT WE PROMISE TO REFUND THE PURCHASE PRICE IF YOU HAVEN'T WON SOMETHING WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF PURCHASE. 2) IT'S THE STATUS OF THE ART POOL PROGRAM. IT USES AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (A.I.) SYSTEM TO FINE TUNE ITS PREDICTIONS EACH TIME YOU ENTER A SET OF SHOOTER RESULTS. IT ACTUALLY LEARNS FROM THE RESULTS IF ITS WRONG. 3) IT ENDS THE SCORE. POOLMASTER CONTAINS A MASSIVE DATABASE OF SOCCER STATISTICS WITH DETAILS OF OVER 1000 PAST MATCHES. 4) ITS EASY TO USE. POOLMASTER IS FULLY JOYSTICK/MOUSE DRIVEN. THERE'S NO NEED TO USE THE KEYBOARD AT ALL. 5) ITS VERSATILE. POOLMASTER COMES WITH ALL THE U.S. SOCCER LEAGUES YOU'RE LIKELY TO NEED INCLUDING DM VARSHELL, NORTHERN PREMIER, MAJEST & SPS LEAGUE AND YOU CAN ADD ANY OVERSEAS LEAGUES AS YOU WISH. 6) FOUR ADULTS IN THE STARS. POOLMASTER ALSO INCLUDES THE UNIQUE MAGAZINE PREDICTION PROGRAM. THIS FORECASTS LINES OF IF POSSIBLE ODDS AS ACCORDING TO THE ASTRONOMICAL POWER NUMBERS FOR YOUR NAME. STATE OF BIRTH, BIRTH DATE, BIRTH STATEMENT ARE AVAILABLE FOR 12 DOLLAR OR CASH.

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10 PRINT "PROG"
20 PRINT "RUN IT"
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40 GOTO 80
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```
50 RUN
```

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60 LINE MISSING! HELP!!
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30 HERE IT IS

Line Input

*Improve your C64's input
with this handy utility*

There are times when the standard Basic keyword "INPUT" on the C64 is a bit of a pain. In the exact that a response (" ") needs to be input as part of a string. "INPUT"

cannot do it, because the response is interpreted as being a delimiter between different lines of data which are supposed to be assigned to separate variables.

If you wanted to enter such a string then it has to be enclosed by quotes so that "INPUT" will read in every character. This looks silly on the screen, and is very confusing for users

of the program who are not familiar with the technique - they can't understand why some text has to be enclosed in quotes in order to enter strings including commas, whereas other forms of input such as numeric data do not. It's even more confusing when the program later requires that the user use the carriage to separate input into different fields!

The other slightly aggravating thing about "INPUT" is the fact that the "?" prompt is always printed on the screen prior to "INPUT" waiting for keyboard entry. This is tantamount to a nuisance, since the message which asks for the input on the part of the user is not always of a kind where a question mark at the end is relevant—that is it is not a question. Add to this the need to follow it with quotes and then rub this out and type quotes again so you can use the cursor move keys to edit the line—just as a statement can be included where required in the input string, well straight away, we already have two irrelevant characters on the screen before anything is actually typed in.

What's more, you always forget to use the opening quotes at the start which it will suggest then it doesn't feel natural to have to do this. The constant is worse when reporting from an external channel—have not only the comma but also the colon and semi-colon are interpreted as carriage returns, at the end of the string, whereas in actual fact it may be nothing of the sort. Again, enclosing the string in quotes before it is moved to the external device prevents this, but an implication of back the quotes will have disappeared. In either case, whether inputting from the keyboard or an external device, quotes cannot be included as part of the text. But why not, you may ask?

"GET" will input anything from the keyboard, and a string comprising all printable characters can be built up using "GET". But the Basic coding required to incrementally add this string at the same time rapidly becomes unwieldy and slow. Also the input is automatically added to the screen, so this must be done in Basic. There's no flashing cursor either.

A cursor can be forced, but it has the previous behavior of leaving some characters in inverted video as soon as the cursor move keys are used. "GET" can be used to input text from an external device, but using Basic commands that interpret each character of a stream and build it into a string can be time-consuming to try the line. It's frustrating when all you want to input some text of an "incoming" format.

If you're a machine code programmer of any skill, then this can be got around except that you may find yourself having to re-develop the coding to suit the requirements of different programs. But if you want

to stay in the Basic environment then while "GET" and "Input" it have their place (and are very good at what they do) what is really needed is a new Basic keyword, one that will input strings of all printable characters.

Well sure it is, indeed, as it happens, by the IBM PC BASIC AN action keyword of the same name the utility is called "LINE INPUT" and it is in the form of a machine code routine named in SCADS to SCRRD high up in the low RAM area above the 64K BASIC interpreter. In actual fact, it is not a real keyword at all, but a "SYS" call which obtains its processing to be an interpreter routine.

This is necessary because of the sort of information that the routine needs in order to carry out its task. The "CHK" function calls allows one numeric value to be passed on to a machine code routine which then can only access one other value to a variable. The temporary register storage for "SYS" calls are rather long-winded to use and in any case none of these are any use because "LINE INPUT" must return a string to a string variable.

The simple answer is for the routine, "LINE" to get these parameters directly from the internal Basic line being processed using the subroutines "CHRGIT" which retrieves the next BASIC byte into the accumulator and also incrementally is the thing that steps spaces out to quotes—in exactly the same way as all the computer routines get their information. This makes "LINE INPUT" very easy to program in Basic because if you replace the parameter of the word "SYS" in the front it will appear at the lining, and in operation, like a valid Basic keyword. Furthermore, if you make a numeric variable equal to the "SYS" call address and name that variable "LINE", the subroutines will be complete. The syntax then is as follows:

```
SYS < address > INPUT
(< channel No > < string
variable >
```

Note the full stop between < address > and INPUT(s). This is very important as it ensures that the following valid BASIC keywords, "INPUT" or "INPUT #", is translated down to its proper BASIC token when the BASIC line which contains it is entered. Neither of these will be executed by the interpreter as the original way. However they can be used exclusively

for use by "LINE". In fact, the processing entirely of "LINE" will make whatever of these two tokens inaccessible to the interpreter.

The keyword for "INPUT" or "INPUT #", is included because "LINE" has to vector either itself to the appropriate processing for either inputting from the keyboard and screen, or from an external device. The keyword is followed for three reasons: 1 to save memory space, although this will be negligible; 2 because it's a professional way of doing it; 3 since "LINE" uses it to find out which form of input is required, it simplifies things greatly if only one byte can be examined instead of a string of characters. Therefore, and the managing parameters are used by "LINE" taken from the Basic text using "CHRGIT".

A number of subroutines are used by "LINE" to read the parameters. They themselves get the Basic bytes using "CHRGIT". One of these is a modified subroutines called "GET VAL" located at SCBAT (\$2143 decimal), and looks like this:

```
READ EQU SADR4
```

```
FOR EQU $2157
```

```
ORG SCBA7
```

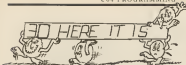
```
GETVAL JSR READ
```

```
JMP FIX
```

"READ" is part of a Basic interpreter routine which picks up a numeric value from the Basic line currently being processed. The value may be written as a string of decimal numbers, or be in the form of a numerical variable. Whatever, "READ" converts it into floating point format and covers in Floating Point Accumulator #1.

"FIX" is the familiar float to fix interpreter routine. The contents of FAC-1 are converted into a 16-bit integer and placed in zero page locations \$14-\$15 hex.

Therefore "GETVAL" performs the action of reading a numeric value or a variable's contents from a Basic line and making same available in handy double-precision format in \$14-\$15 for a machine code to use, if "GETVAL" is handled properly. It helps in understanding how "LINE" operates. But the C64 Basic interpreter follows a special convention that every interpreter routine, including those used by "GETVAL", expects the first Basic byte first it has to deal with to already be on the CPU's accumulator. Or, to put it another



way, every Basic interpreter routine calls "CHRGET" to get the next byte of Basic text into the accumulator before it runs. Also "GETVAL" is a little bit limited, only positive numbers in the range 0-25535 are allowable otherwise an "ILLEGAL QUANTITY" error is generated. Inevitably omitted numbers produce "SYNTAX ERROR".

On calling "LINE" with the "SYS" command, true to the convention, the interpreter runs "CHRGET" to load the accumulator with the next byte of Basic text. Unfortunately this doesn't arrive until when "LINE" takes control, because the action of executive "SYS" loads the accumulator with the contents of the temporary storage for A reg. located at \$040C (760 decimal). So the accumulator has to be reloaded with a value called "CHRGET", a letter part of "CHRGET" which gets the same BASIC byte again. This byte must be a full stop (".") or \$3B, if it is not a jump is made to \$AFB8 which prints "SYNTAX ERROR IN LINE <n>" and terminates the Basic program. The byte following this, retrieved by "CHRGET", must either be a token for "INPUT" or "INPUT #". If it is neither of these again a jump is made to "SYNTAX ERROR".

Otherwise at this point the routine "LINE" derives the bulk of the routine comprises two separate processes, the one obvious depends on whether the input is from the keyboard and screen, or whether it is from an external device.

LINE INPUT from keyboard and screen

System:

SYS < address> INPUT < string variable >

Example:

```
100 LINE = 31904
110 SYS LINE INPUT A$
```

Input from keyboard and screen is carried out in three stages. Firstly the screen RAM address for the start of

the input is found by locating the cursor position with the kernel routine "PLOT" and subtracting the screen address by the raster stride instead of adding 40 to the screen base of 1024 'y' (raw count) number of lines 'x' (column count) is added to the result. I did originally write a proper multi-precision routine, but this required so much code that it wasn't really worth it. The calculated address is stored in line zero page location as a pointer.

All you see on the screen is a flashing cursor with no "" prompt. Now a kernel routine called "CHRIN" handles all the character getting and printing with full editing support and proper flashing cursor. In use it is identical to using the Basic editor in direct mode. It has the same limitations - if quotes are typed three cursor move keys come onto the screen as characters, but adding out quotes and re-keying stops this. "LINE" discovers the length of the line. This is done by searching backwards from the maximum string length position, the default of which is 80, looking for a non-space character. On finding a non-space character, its position ahead of the start of input becomes the new string length.

The screen line from the start address up to the string length, is copied to a buffer. This is our old friend the cassette buffer buffer at \$B80C. However \$B80C is reserved to hold the string length count, so the buffer actually starts at \$B81D. A conversion routine is used to transfer screen coded characters into CHM ASCII, and the most significant bit is stripped off to clear the screen character set to ASCII code. "LINE INPUT" needs a input line which has just been typed, it could just as easily have been PRINTed instead and the keyboard buffer POKE'd with a carriage return.

At the end of this the string is stored in the buffer and its length is stored. At the final stage "LINE" calls interpreter routine "LOCATE", which goes in search of the string variable through the variable storage

area - "LOCATE" gets the variable's name from the Basic list. If it does not exist then it is created. After this the string storage for the variable, if already in existence, is freed by "FREESTR" and then a fresh storage area is defined using "STRLEN" which does as according to the new string length passed to it. We now have a place in the string storage area to which the contents of the buffer can be copied.

It is impossible for characters to be put in this area directly (without being stored in a buffer first) because "LINE" does not yet know how long the string will be and this stops.

In this manner any string variable can be created or updated using "LINE INPUT" in just the same way as it can be now using INPUT statements. However some care is required where the variable is one of a dimensioned array. Small arrays up to a "safe" limit of size 10 or 11 elements would be okay in other words.

110 SYS LINE INPUT T\$(0)

When 'x' is an index from 0 to 10 in the default program for arrays up to 11 elements, but otherwise a "warning variable" such as T\$(0) for example would have to be used to transfer the input to the element where this is out of a large, dimensioned array, e.g.

```
110 SYS LINE INPUT T$(0)
120 A$(0) = T$(0)
```

If this precaution is not observed the process becomes two examples for the compiler than normal string building subroutines used and usually creates the 44.

Whether the string is stored in the proper place, and the array does not add progressively to the processing time, even if a large string array is being filled with text.

Because "LINE" is loaded in RAM it can be modified. I mentioned that for input from keyboard and screen it has a default maximum string length of 80 screen characters (two screen lines). It doesn't matter in which column across the screen the start of input occurs, the maximum remains 80 characters. You can change the maximum length by a POKE to suit your own requirements. For example, a disk file name cannot exceed 80 characters in length. If "LINE INPUT" is used to get the file name it can first be modified only to accept

up to a maximum of 16 characters in the source listing the maximum string length is labeled "MAXLEN" and is at SCMD (3245). Use the following:

```
100 LINE = 31904
```

```
1000 MAXLEN = 3245
1010 POKE MAXLEN, 16
1020 PRINT "ENTER A NAME FOR THIS FILE."
1030 SYS LINE INPUT #0
1040 NMS = 19517: NF 5"
1050 OPEN 3:4:1.NMS
1060 etc
```

You can type as many characters as you like for the file name, only the first 16 will be taken any excess of after you press [RETURN].

We are aware of a couple of limitations of "LINE INPUT". One is the same as that of the normal "INPUT", namely if other characters present on the screen come within the range of the maximum string length, it will be assumed that these constitute the end of the string, even if you don't want them. Enough blank space must exist beyond the position where input terminates to permit this.

Also, "LINE INPUT" doesn't know if the start of input occurs on the bottom line of the screen. If the screen scrolls up where text exceeds one screen line, the start address is not adjusted up with it. Also "LINE INPUT" will assume that the "rubidish" beyond the top of the screen RAM area are characters to be input. Consequently, "LINE INPUT" should not be used any lower than the 32k area shown.

LINE INPUT # from an external device

Syntax

```
SYS < address > INPUT < channel No. >, < string variable
```

Example

```
100 LINE = 31004
```

```
1000 OPEN 2, 1, "TEXT"
1010 SYS LINE INPUT 2, A$
1020 etc
```

This is the only time that "GETVAL" is used, and even then only the most significant bytes of the resultant integer is needed.

"GETVAL" retrieves the channel number following "INPUT #", so that

kernel routines can route input from the appropriate channel. Inputted characters are copied to the buffer, a process that terminates in a loop until one of three conditions are true:

1. The ST variable indicates an EOF signal from a disk drive. On detecting "EOF" inputting is terminated.
2. The character read is a found to be the termination character. The default termination character is a carriage return (13); on encountering the termination character inputting is terminated. The termination character is NOW copied to the buffer.
3. The maximum number of bytes have been copied to the buffer. The default maximum number of bytes is 128. On the 128th character being copied to the buffer, inputting is terminated.

On input being terminated, "LINE INPUT # " goes to the final stage of building the string to memory already in buffer. As far as "EOF" is concerned, it will be required that the BASIC program using "LINE INPUT # " should also monitor the "ST" variable. Re-reading "LINE INPUT # " and forcing input past EOF causes a rubbish character to be copied to the buffer, overwriting the previous string. This is not a problem if other variables have been made equal to the string.

As before, because the routine exists in RAM, it can be co-opted to behave in a special way. "CHECK" is a label in the source listing which represents the point where the character read is tested to see whether it's the termination character or not. It looks like:

```
CHECK CMP # 0
```

Where the operand is the value, in this case 13. This can be changed to be the following example:

```
CHECK = 3245
POKE CHECK + 1, 0
```

Now the routine will stop reading when it encounters a zero byte. Similarly the maximum number of bytes copied to the buffer can be changed:

```
CHEMAX = 3267
POKE CHEMAX + 1, < n >
```

Where < n > is any number up to a limit of 191, because that is the maximum amount of space available in the scratch buffer area.

Even better, "LINE INPUT # "

can be made to ignore any termination character. Following the "CHECK" location it has:

```
ISTERM BQ PUTLEN
```

which is where a branch is made to the final stage upon encountering the termination character. By using

```
ISTERM = 32687
POKE ISTERM, 254 POKE
ISTERM + 1, 254
```

This has the effect of overwriting the branch instruction with "NOPs", so the routine never gets to a termination character is found. This allows enormous flexibility for appearing data of a "strange" nature. "LINE INPUT" can read as all byte values 0-255. It is possible for example to read machine code into string - assuming you wanted to do such a thing!

Because "LINE INPUT # " is completely self contained, i.e. no part of the conventional interpreter (INPUT #) routine are employed, we are allowed to do something normally quite illegal. The following is possible in direct mode:

```
LINE = 31904
```

```
READY
OPEN 2, 1, "TEXT"
```

```
READY
SYS LINE INPUT 2, A$
```

```
READY
PA$
```

This is incredibly useful for verifying that a Basic routine that you are trying to de-bug has saved data properly or not. It's normally impossible to get at this data in direct mode, since using "INPUT # " results in an illegal direct command error. You can go on moving the cursor up an displaying and displaying successive fields of data. This even works with numeric data saved using "PRINT # ", since these are written as decimal strings.

If you have an assembler you can enter the source listing, and if needs must the ORG statement can be changed to relocate the routine anywhere you like, but make a note of the new label locations if you then want to continue a with POKEs. It's unlikely that you will need to use "LINE INPUT # " very often, but when you do, you'll be glad it's there.

A Flow of Ideas

It's often necessary to view a directory from within a program, but from Basic this can be very difficult. There is a way, and this method can reveal more information than may at first be obvious.

Before a disk directory program can be written, it is essential to know what data the drive makes available. Using the following short program on the directory, in Table 1 gives all of the information which is displayed in Table 2.

```
10 OPEN "A:" AS #1
20 PRINT "DISK DIRECTORY INFORMATION"
30 PRINT "PROGRAM IN BASIC 2.00"
40 PRINT "BY NORMAN DOYLE"
50 GOTO 10
```

The returned data includes the Block Address Map (BAM) which has from 1000000000, as well as the directory content itself (SC0000-100000) using GET, each byte can be read and used to form quite a powerful source of disk information.

From this reading, the name of the program can be derived. What we will create is a flow diagram for a program which lists each directory entry, the file type, blocks used and the track and sector (the specific block location) relating to each file. As the program runs, it will keep track of the total number of programs on the disk for a general count-up screen, which is to be displayed after the individual program detail screens.

The program can also keep a tally of the total number of blocks used, and the value can then be compared with the number derived from the BAM to ensure that the disk has been calculated correctly. Finally, a detailed map of the number of free sectors (blocks) on each track can be displayed using colour to differentiate between tracks which have not been used at all, and those which have lost a few sectors to file storage.

The first duty of the program is to set the screen colours and then initiate the disk under examination. This means opening command channel 15, and keeping it open for checks on disk errors throughout the program.

Next, the directory file is opened for a sequential read operation. After the drive loads the first sector into its

How easy is it to incorporate a disk directory reader in a program?

By Norman Doyle



internal buffer, variables are retained and disconnected ready for the main program to begin. The reading of the BAM takes a little time so a connecting message is displayed to assure the user that this is a normal occurrence.

Exploded BAM

The layout of the BAM can be seen from Table 3. There is no single byte pair responsible for recording the number of free bytes on the disk, so this value has to be derived from the data at the beginning of the BAM. The first two bytes (the track and sector fields) are not loaded when the directory is read as a sequential file, and the next two bytes are irrelevant, but some of the next group of bytes are essential to calculating the number of free memory blocks on the disk.

The information is stored in a specific way, with the bytes grouped into clusters of four. The first byte is the total number of free blocks on a particular track, and the three bytes that follow can be used to calculate which particular sectors there are. In this case, the only byte of interest is the total number of free blocks so that a read and added to a running total while the others are discarded.

Apart from keeping a record of the total number of free blocks, each

track's details must be stored in an array if the sum of producing a tracks map is to be fulfilled. There are 35 tracks on a normal Commodore disk, and it can be seen from Table 3 that there are, in fact, 35 groups of four bytes in the BAM. A loop must read each of the groups, storing the first byte in an array and adding its value to a grand total of free blocks. After this is done, the next three bytes can be ignored.

At the end of the BAM, the disk name and ID numbers can be found. This must be read and stored in a variable form for display at the head of each screen page. First of all, the string is contained to produce a label indicating that what follows is the disk's title used, to comply with Commodore's convention, the RYS ON character is added to display the disk header in inverted characters. A second conversion is to place the disk name in quotes. This is not entered for from reading the directory file, so the opening quote is added at this point.

The disk name is allocated a space of 16 characters in the BAM sector of the directory. This means that by simply reading the 16 character group and adding it to the title string, any disk name can be entered for without any complicated checks. The resultant string is then completed with a closing quote mark.

To complete the screen page header, the next 13 bytes are added to the string. This actually reads more than enough characters to cover for the ID and the disk type descriptor (between 2a) on a normally formatted disk, but is extended to cater for non-standard formatting using four character bits and enter each track. The difficulty here is that some of the bytes will be stored as 'null' values, which is the reason why string variables are being used in the program instead of numerical ones to avoid generating errors.

Because the bytes are stored in ASCII values, the conversion routine must look for these nulls and convert them to CHR\$(0) to avoid similar errors when the bytes are converted for use. This happens quite a lot, and a subroutine is for about seven. Once the disk name has been rendered in

a string, it is printed and because the string contains the clear-screen symbol, the name acts as a title for the screen page.

Before reading in the directory entries, the column heads must be displayed. The convention that has been derived for this routine is that the program name will be followed by the file type, block count and the track and sector values for the first program block.

This information is not stored in the current order so it must be read, stored and sorted out in a print statement. The layout of a sample directory entry can be seen in Table 4. A sub-track track with the actual reading of the individual sectors, and this will be discussed later.

As each directory entry is dealt with a counter is incremented so that a check can be made for a full screen page (20 entries). When the counter is reached a 'Press Any Key' message is printed and a keyboard detection loop initiated.

Errors occur in all stages and sizes, so the program cannot work on a simple loop to read in the entries. A way is needed to indicate when the directory is complete. This is done by reading the system variable \$T. When this has a value of zero, work is still in progress, but if it has a non-zero value one of two things has occurred.

It may just be that the directory has been read in completely, or it could be that an error has occurred. Before closing the file, the routine checks the error channel. If an error is detected, the program will halt and the message is printed, if there is no error the program continues to the next stage.

Under a screen page title of 'Final Statistics', the details of the number of programs and blocks read are printed, suitably labelled. Both are derived from the individual directory entries and supplied via the 'read entry' sub-routine.

The free blocks' value has been calculated from the RAM record, but before this is printed we can use this value and the 'blocks read' value to check for a correctly validated disk. If the number of blocks read is subtracted from the total number of blocks free on a newly formatted disk (1640) the result should equal the RAM-derived free block count.

Any integrity means that the RAM is faulty, and this is flagged by a suitable message. A word of warning - inequalities could be the result of

REL or ISK files being used on the disk, so ensure that this is not the case before validating, or you could lose valuable data!

After the free blocks have been displayed, a table is drawn up with the tracks listed above their sector values. At each stage, these values are checked against the sector capacities for each track. If none of the sectors have been used, the value is printed as below, for any tracks which contain file data are highlighted by using light file characters.

This program can easily be extended and improved to give a full RAM map, or reduced to produce a disk to screen directory printer.

The sub-routine to search each directory entry is an integral to the running of the main program and, therefore, worth a closer look.

Directory Delivery

The directory read routine takes over immediately after the disk name has been read from the disk. The directory details are provided by a series of null bytes which must be demanded and a 'real' byte value is read in. This method seems fine but has one serious drawback when the first file has been deleted and not replaced.

File types are detected by byte values as follows:

```
019 = SEQ
020 = PRG
021 = USR
022 = REL
```

If the file is 'locked', or protected these values are increased by 64 to give a range of 183-186. Detecting a file simply results in these values being replaced by a null byte. Using the method of demanding null bytes would mean that the first significant value would be the old track number when a deleted file was encountered.

Consequently, the program includes a check to see if the value read is in excess of 15. If this is not true then it must be a deleted file so 'DEL' is assigned as the program type and the routine jumps to evaluating the read in value as a track number. If the value is valid for a file type, a check is made to test if it is locked or not. Provision is made to detect a locked file by using a reversed line type symbol, which is used as a string. If the file is unprotected this string remains as a space.

A second string is derived from the file program value. This is the file type which is calculated directly from the file type value in conjunction with a MIDS statement. After the next byte has been read in the pathway where the DEL file option code converges with the main program so that the track value can be assigned to a string before the sector value is read and similarly stored.

The disk name had 15 bytes assigned to it, and the same is true for the program name which follows the sector byte. A loop reads this in and concatenates a string. If a program name has less than 15 characters, the entry is padded out with closed space values (160), and this is useful for formatting the screen printed later, so they are not discarded here.

After the name there are more attributes which are read in and stored, so the next significant bytes denote the number of blocks that the program occupies. This value is moved to low byte/high byte format and a suitable routine is included to reveal the true decimal value. All that remains is to print the information out in the correct screen columns. Deleted file names are shown in orange and missing files in white.

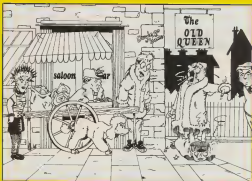
One problem with filenames is that they sometimes contain control characters such as screen clear, row switch or even colours. To avoid these running up the beautifully formatted display, location 312 is poked with a value to test the computer user thinking that it is in queue mode, so that the reversed character is printed instead of the attribute which it represents being executed. Once the rest of the information is printed against it then returned to the main program.

Directory Flow

The flowcharts show the logic of the program contained in the Listings pages. This is rendered as a flow routine, but the beauty of flowcharting is that the same logic pathways can be applied to machine code or just about any other language that has been created.

If you decide to investigate directory reading further, you'll also come across how useful the checks are for modifying the program. It's far better than modifying through means of listings, moving variables and then trying to make sense of it all.

Deadenders



War in Middle Earth

The movie *The Hobbit* has the same two biggest elements of the fantasy genre: a quest and a journey. In this case, the quest is to save the world from the evil of the dragon Smaug, and the journey is to the land of the dead. The movie is a great example of the genre, and it's a great example of the genre.

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Dreadnought is an adventure based on everyone's favourite ship-ops. Nevertheless, Nuts, actually goes on all takes place in Hertford Square, home to the Aqueduct. Foul-ups and other about-way characters.

The story starts after Ed has lost her Will. You can save you haven't guessed, it's a good full of questions and one or two slightly naughty jokes.

You play the part of PC Donald Dancer and your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to find out who did the dirty on Will. The rules tell you that poor old Will turns up squashed, and with two holes in his neck. Leave it out, mate, the rules'll never believe that's it. It also tells us to say that you can talk to the characters that you meet. "Ask Benny about Cohen" is cited as an example. I tried it, and was met with a "You speak, but I don't further your requests." None of the characters seemed to talk to me. Was it something I said?

The game is obviously geared towards East-enders like, but I can quite believe that non-followers of the series could get at least a smile from the game. Most of the humour, for me at least, came whenever I examined a character. When I examined Cohen, I was told "Purple eyes and bright green hair: she resembles a rather nice drink." Good stuff! All the descriptions are along these lines, and most are less than charitable.

When it comes to parodying, I have a few reservations. The game doesn't escape some of the period observations. I had to type in "assholes" as opposed to just "Y". Not all the jokes were based over the ones that should have been obvious, and snapping left something to be desired. When standing on the landing of the Old Queen, I was faced with the kitchen, bedroom and living rooms, yet no characters were there. It was a case of "water lilies" etc and no matter which of them I went into the cat was always in the bath. This system wasn't used consistently though. From Hertford Square I could see the pub, the cafe and the corner shop. The time I had to spend the usual

N, S, E and W, and hope I went to the building I wanted. Some things should be taken for granted as an adventure and sticking to one way of depicting destinations is one this game.

During the course of the game, I came across two bags one heavy and one empty. I'd got a box from Arlen and, whatever I tried to examine it, the game crashed. However, I was allowed to "search box" with no difficulty. Later, I discovered that I could "examine box" but only if I wasn't carrying it. I can just imagine how frustrating it would be for someone to find that out after going for a long time with no news! The other bag was a silly one. I'd been searching through a rubbish on one door, and my strange-looking tool, me to the landlady where I was reminded how disgusting my uniform was. No problem. I took it all, washed it in a machine, got it wet again then found out I had two uniforms: one wet and one dry.

In keeping with the spirit of the game, there's no end-of-game when you tell the computer to go somewhere. Instead you get a reply "Right, we old chaps." Should any come of the game reach America, it's really real-time there before that we all talk like Dick Van Dyke.

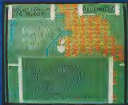
The authors have got a real line in what's funny versus which I greatly appreciate. What a shame about the programming.

If you can ignore the supplies that I picked up, get down the frog on' load on' get your dose to the gutter in the shop. But if you're the sort who likes to be able to use single key, simple logical geography and no bugs, knock it on the head.

Our last question: "Where was Kyle?"

Teacher

File: *Dreadnought* **Supplier:** Top Ten Music **MFL 12** **Chorus:** *Enterprise* **Genre:** *Shamus* **Prod:** *Bark* **RSP 4.4A** **Tel:** (0714) 833 838 **Machine:** C64



moving and the screen will wrap up to the battle scene showing all the combatants, who will catch the light without your help.

You can affect the battle by using a cursor to move items in the trap or you can control one character directly. This may sound like a good idea but it doesn't quite work, so to select a character you have to position the mouse over him first and the battle just takes care long. This can be annoying, particularly if the battle was only a display action while the party move through the maze.

Unfortunately, this isn't an otherwise interesting game which could have been so good.

Teacher

File: *One in a Million* **Genre:** *Shamus* **Prod:** *Bark* **RSP 4.4A** **Tel:** (0714) 833 838 **Machine:** C64/128 **Price:** £4.99 (Disk) £9.99 (Box)

Program Analysis

Programming can be made simple with these three C64 performance analyzers



COMMODORE 64 PERFORMANCE ANALYSER

Basic is a programming language which makes it very easy for programmers to create complex programs with a minimum of effort. We pay a price for this programming ease and that price is often poor performance: that is, our Basic program runs slowly. Another problem which confronts the Basic programmer is what to do when a program runs without failing, but doesn't give you the results you expect. How do you find out what your program is doing without adding PRINT statements to your program to trace execution or interrupt execution at strategic points?

The Performance Analyser helps to overcome both problems. Not only does it trace the logic flow in a Basic program, it also determines how long each Basic line took to execute. Thus the Performance Analyser is a guaranteed performance analysis tool for the Commodore 64.

Performance Analyser TRACE Facility

Most commercial tracers usually attach to a window displaying five or six line numbers on the screen, as your Basic program runs. The line numbers scroll in the window as each line is executed, and the window may or may not interfere with your program output. You normally cannot trace a Basic program which uses screen graphics, and you certainly cannot go back and check the line number sequence previously displayed. Although you can usually slow the trace display down (by, for example, the space bar for example), you have very little chance of writing down the line numbers on paper for a more detailed analysis.

The Performance Analyser overcomes all of these problems. It allows you to trace any Basic program which uses normal screen graphics, forms screens, sprites or sound and does not interfere with the operation of the program. The Analyser will not slow

your program down, and allows you to get the trace display at your leisure. You may scroll backwards or forwards through the line numbers for as long as you wish.

Performance Analysis

The Analyser also provides you with a tool to determine how efficient your Basic program is. When it displays the line number it also displays the time it took to execute the line. As you scroll through the line numbers you can tell at a glance which line numbers are slowing down execution and which line numbers are executed most of ten. Basic programs are the same as any other programs: they follow the 80-20 rule. That is, 80 per cent of the work is usually done by 20 per cent of the program. The Performance Analyser is the tool you need to tell you which 20 per cent of your program is doing 80 per cent of the work, and how long it is taking to do it. You can then concentrate on making that part of your program more efficient.

Analysing a Basic program

The Analyser is written entirely in Machine Language, and is designed to cause as little interference as possible with the traced program. The Analyser is normally loaded at 38912, and all Analyser variables and constants are contained in the 2K from 38792 to 40528. Your Basic program then has the RAM between 2048 and 38911, any low storage locations it requires and the free RAM at 49152. Should you require the RAM at 38912, then set the top of Basic pointer (30360) to the last RAM location available to Basic, and the Analyser will use 2K of RAM below this address. For example, if the top of the basic pointer is set to 32768, then the Analyser will load itself at 32688.

Type in the Analyser loader program and save it as ANALYSER1. Make sure you verify that what was saved is correct. To use the Analyser, simply issue a load "ANALYSER1" after setting the top of BASIC pointer of memory ANALYSER1 will set the required Basic pointer, POKE the Analyser Machine Language tape into the correct RAM, relocate all required ML addresses and print messages to indicate how to start and stop the Analyser and display the trace data. The following messages are displayed on the screen by ANALYSER1 during execution.

```
LOADING THE ANALYSER AT
38912
LOADING
RELOCATION OK
1 START ANALYSER = SYS 38912
2 STOP ANALYSER = SYS 38923
3 DISPLAY DATA = SYS 38935
```

If the load fails, or the relocation of addresses fails, a message is issued and ANALYSER1 stops.

Obviously to start the Performance Analyser you SYS to 38912 or to the address displayed by ANALYSER1. You can do this from a program or from direct mode. The message TRACE STARTED is displayed by the Analyser, unless you stop it from a program. The message is not issued then to ensure that the Analyser does not interfere with program messages or display.

After the Analyser has been loaded, you then LOAD the Basic

program or program you wish to analyse. The Analyser monitors execution of your program(s), and saves trace data in the trace data buffer for later display. If you only want to trace part of a Basic program, you would do the following:

```
1000 REM START THE
ANALYSER.
1010 SYS 38912
1020 POKE 30360 - 6,0:STEP 1
1030 X = 49152:GOTO 1040
1040 Y = 49152:TR0/C
1050 NEXT
1060 REM STOP THE ANALYSER.
1070 SYS 38923
1080 REM DISPLAY TRACE
DATA.
1090 SYS 38935
1100 END
```

After your Basic program has finished, or you stop it executing, you can stop the Analyser if you want to. However, you don't stop it to display the trace data. You can leave it active to trace another program if you want to.

Obviously, to stop the Performance Analyser you SYS to 38923 or to the address displayed by ANALYSER1. You can do this from a program or from direct mode. The message TRACE STOPPED is displayed by the Analyser, unless you stop it from a program. Again the message is not issued to ensure that the Analyser does not interfere with program messages or display.

Finally, you may display trace data at any time by entering SYS 38935 or SYS to the address displayed by ANALYSER1, and of course you may do this in direct mode or from a program. The message NO TRACE DATA is displayed by the Analyser if there is nothing to display. Again the message is not issued if you are under program control. This is to ensure that the Analyser does not interfere with program messages or display.

If there is data to display the Analyser presents it in full-screen mode, that is a page or full screen data consisting of line numbers and line execution times is displayed and the Analyser ML program waits for you to press one of the function keys, F1 terminates the display, F3 scrolls back to the previous page of data and F5 scrolls forward to the next page of data.

You may scroll back and forward through the trace data for as long as

you like with function keys F3 and F5. When the end of the trace data is found, the number of lines executed and the total execution time is displayed, and the Analyser ML program waits for you to press a function key. The Analyser will only recognise F1, F3 and F5 function keys. All other keys are ignored. If you scroll forward from the end of the display, you wrap around to the start of the trace data again. You can't scroll back from the top of the trace data, you may only scroll forward.

NOTE: Trace data will be displayed automatically when the trace data buffer runs a full. The trace data buffer is actually the RAM under the BASIC ROM. As much trace data as possible is stored there before the execution of the Basic program is interrupted and the trace data displayed. If you want your Basic program to continue, simply press F1 and the trace display is terminated. Your program begins execution from where it was interrupted. If you want to know the trace data, then use F3 or F5 to scroll back and forward through the data.

How the Performance Analyser Works

The Analyser works by monitoring the execution of Basic programs via the character dispatch vector in low storage. As each program byte is interpreted, the Analyser checks to determine if the current line number (77,56) has changed from the previous byte read. When the line number changes, then the Analyser stores the line number and current time in the trace data buffer under the BASIC ROM. This is done until such time as the trace data buffer is full.

When the buffer is full, the Analyser saves the first 2K of low storage (0-2047), unmask RAM and various control registers as the RAM under the KERNAL ROM. The trace data is then displayed, and when the display is stopped via function key F1, the Analyser restores the first 2K of low storage, the unmask RAM and the various control registers. This allows the Basic program to restart execution from the point where it was interrupted and the program screen is restored, as well as character colours and backgrounds.

If your Basic program uses the RAM under the Basic of KERNAL ROMs, then you cannot analyse it with this utility. Note also that if your

Basic program reads the data (TIS = "000000"), then the Analyzer will not fail, but the execution times displayed will be unprecise.

COMMODORE 64 PROGRAM ANALYSIS

Commodore 64 Program Analyzer (CHAPANAL) is a Basic program which analyzes the contents of any Basic program and displays the information on the screen or printer. CHAPANAL first displays summary information which contains the program name, the size of the program in bytes, the number of lines in the program, the total number of commands (ie PRINT, GOTO % etc) and the number of variables.

Once the summary data has been viewed, a detailed list of the commands used in the Basic program and the number of lines each command is used is displayed. When you have finished viewing the command data, a detailed list of the variables and the use of each variable is displayed, and when you have finished viewing the variable data you may end the display, ask for the information to be redisplayed or send the data to your printer.

Using CHAPANAL

CHAPANAL allows you to analyze your Basic program. It does this by running in the 4K of free RAM at 49152 to 51200, and loading the Basic program it analyzes at 3049. By not using the RAM between 2048 and 40960, CHAPANAL is capable of analyzing the largest Basic program. However, with only 4K of RAM to run in, CHAPANAL will run slowly analyzing large Basic programs because many garbage collections will be done to ensure that there is sufficient space for CHAPANAL to operate correctly. Also, only 50 variables can be displayed because of space constraints.

Obviously if CHAPANAL is to run in the RAM at 49152 then some changes need to be made to Basic programs in low storage. The start of Basic and end of Basic addresses need to be changed as well as the start of variables etc. These changes are handled by the CHAPANAL loader program LOADER in the Basic loader program which automatically loads

CHAPANAL. It uses the low storage pointers, and then uses the dynamic key facility to automatically load CHAPANAL.

You must create and save LOADER first on tape or disk. Next type in CHAPANAL, and save it directly after LOADER on tape or in the same disk as CHAPANAL.

Note that if you are using disk you need to change line 10 in LOADER from LOAD "CHAPANAL" to LOAD "CHAPANAL", 8,1 so that CHAPANAL will be loaded from disk and not tape.

Once you have saved LOADER and CHAPANAL on tape or disk then simply load LOADER and RUN a LOADER will set the various low storage pointers and then set up the screen and keyboard buffer so that when a load, CHAPANAL is automatically loaded at 49152. When CHAPANAL has been loaded it begins execution automatically, clears the screen and places the first message on the screen.

LOAD FROM DISK (Y/N)?

If you want CHAPANAL to load the Basic program it analyzes from disk, then reply Y. Otherwise reply N and the program will be loaded from tape. Before replying to this message, you should have the tape or disk which contains the program to be analyzed in the drive or disk drive.

The next message to be displayed is

PROGRAM TO BE LOADED: +

Your answer to this message tells CHAPANAL the name of the program it is to load from tape or disk to analyze.

CHAPANAL then sets the KEYBANK load value to load the Basic program at 3049 and begins to analyze it. Since it may take some time to analyze large Basic programs, CHAPANAL places the line number being analyzed on the top left-hand corner of the screen while running the Basic program. When analyzing is finished the summary report is displayed as follows:

```
—PROGRAM STATISTICS—
PROGRAM NAME = CHAPANAL
PROGRAM SIZE = xxxxx
NO OF LINES = xxxxx
NO OF COMMANDS = xxxxx
NO OF VARIABLES = xxx
```

USE ANY KEY TO CONTINUE

You may view the summary report for as long as you wish. To move to the command report, simply use any key and the following display appears on screen:

- COMMANDS -

```
END          = 1
FOR          = 5
NEXT         = 6
DATA        = 10
INPUT       = 1
READ        = 1
GOTO        = 25
IF           = 12
GOSUB       = 17
RETURN      = 17
POKE        = 1
PRINT       = 16
THEN        = 25
+           = 45
-           = 15
*           = 50
/           = 18
AND         = 1
+           = 55
MODE       = 1
```

USE ANY KEY TO CONTINUE

If all commands used in the program can be displayed on one screen, then when you press any key you will move to the VARIABLE display. If more commands are used than can be displayed on one screen then the next screen of data will contain command data. When the list of the command data has been displayed and the USE ANY KEY message is displayed, when you press any key the list of variables appears on the screen. Note that + * / < and > are considered statements when used in statements such as A=A+B*C/D/E or IF X=0 GOTO 1000.

When the commands are finished, the list of variables is displayed as shown:

- VARIABLES -

```
1          = 2
X          = 4
RES        = 5
Z          = 3
Z%         = 9
```

USE ANY KEY TO CONTINUE

When the list of variables has been listed, CHAPANAL displays the following message:

R = RE-DISPLAY, X = END, P
PRINTER

If you press the R key, then all information, beginning with the summary display is redisplayed. If you press the X key then program execution is terminated and the final time message is displayed.

TIME TAKEN = time in

This is the time in seconds it has taken CHMPANAL to analyse your program. You may thus use CHMPANAL to analyse another Basic program. Press P and the information is sent to the printer.

Applying C64PANAL

CHMPANAL has many uses. You can find the size of your Basic program, the number of variables you use and the number of lines in your program. The number of lines is important, because each line in a Basic program carries an overhead of 4 bytes (2 bytes for a line address and 2 bytes for the line number). A 500 line program uses 2,000 bytes of storage for line addresses and line numbers. If you have an excessive number of lines, you can conserve space by reducing the number of lines (also known as condensing your program). This reduces the number of lines by placing multiple commands on the same line separated by colons, removing blanks and removing REM commands.

Processing new lines also comes with a performance penalty. The more lines in a Basic program, the longer it normally takes to run. By reducing the number of lines, you severely reduce program execution time. CHMPANAL will tell you how successful you have been in reducing the number of lines in your program. It will give the size of your program and the number of lines before condensing, and then after you have made your changes you can run it again and get the new figures.

The detailed list of commands (ie PRINTS, GOTOS, IFs etc.) can also be used to reduce program run and increase performance. For instance, if you find that you have a very large number of IF commands, then you may be able to reduce them by using the ON command. For example if you have

```
IF CC = 2 GOTO 1100
IF CC = 3 GOTO 1200
IF CC = 4 GOTO 2000
IF CC = 5 GOTO 3100
IF CC = 6 GOTO 3200
```

then you could replace the IF commands with one

```
ON CC GOTO 1000, 1100, 1200, 2000, 3100, 3200
```

It is also interesting to see the pattern of commands in various programs and which commands are used most frequently. In many operations the LEFTS, RIGHTS, WIDS etc. will figure prominently. However, the most common commands used are the IF, GOTO, FOR and NEXT and PRINT.

The list of variables is a powerful tool to help in the condensing of your Basic programs. Basic maintains a list of variables, and the closer a variable is to the start of that list, the less time it is needed to find the variable when it is referenced in a statement. For example, every time IF X = 3 THEN 100 is executed, the X variable must be found in Basic's list of variables to check if it is 3 or not. Thus the closer X is to the top of the list the faster it is found. The order of variables makes a significant difference to the execution time of your program if you have a large number of them. CHMPANAL helps by giving you a guide as to which variables ought to be defined first so that they appear at the top of Basic's list of variables. You can change the order of variables by defining them in the following order:

```
X = 0 A = 0 Y = 0 PC = 0 TLN = 0
```

etc.

X will count first, A second, Y third and so on and so on.

If you have Basic programs where execution time is critical (for eg. games programs) then CHMPANAL will be an important tool to help you analyse these programs and make them faster.

COMMODORE 64 SWITCH

Commodore 64 SWITCH is a short Basic Language (BASIC) program which enables in RAM you define the BASIC ROM. It occupies storage locations 40704 to 40764. C64 SWITCH allows you to partition your C64 into two logical machines. You switch between the two partitions or regions with a single key

stroke. With this ability, you can load two Basic programs at once and compare them or work on them. However, you cannot have both programs running simultaneously.

Using C64 SWITCH

C64 SWITCH allows you to set variable region sizes. The regions are designated zone (Z) and zone II (II) and region I will extend from location 3048 to the last byte set, while region I extends from the end of region Z to 40760.

To use the switching function, simply load SWITCH which is a Basic loader program. When you run it, SWITCH will load the ML routine at 40764 and display the message:

```
ENTER REGION 0 ENDING  
ADDR: >?
```

You enter the ending address for region 0 (and thus region I starting addr) and the final message are displayed:

```
REGIONS 0 and I INITIALISED  
REGION ACTIVATED = 0
```

To switch between the two regions use the F1/F2 keys. F1 will activate region 0 while F2 will activate region I. The active region is displayed in the upper right-hand corner of the screen as numeric value. To deactivate the SWITCH, simply hit RUN/STOP/RESTORE or turn the C64 off and on.

Applying SWITCH

C64 SWITCH has three main uses. You can load two Basic programs at once and work on them or compare them. You can use region I as a data region which is assigned by a program in region 0 (SWITCH was originally written for this purpose). Finally, you can use SWITCH as a means of merging two programs. If you want to add code to a program in region 0 then a program in region I, simply LIST the statements at region I on the screen, press F1 to activate region 0 and then merge the source over the lines you want added and press RETURN. Each line will be entered into the program in region 0.

```
IF CC = 1 GOTO 1000
```



Help!

Enhance your help function with this handy utility

By Mark Everingham

In the old Commodore advertisement (you know, the four-page one which managed to tell Charles Babbage, an elephant, and a teddy bear called BJ to buying a Commodore computer for Christmas), special emphasis was laid on the "HELP" function of the C16 and Plus/4 computers. Commodore claimed it helps you to doing your programs, yet I have owned a Plus/4 for several months now, and can honestly say I have never used the HELP function except for its novelty. The BBC Micro has a command *HELP which lets the system of a given command as a sideways ROM, and I decided to implement such a function on the Plus/4. I decided on three features it should have:

1. It should be compatible with the Commodore C16.
2. It should not take any memory from the programmer.
3. It should not interfere with the normal HELP function.

A tall order? Well, I decided that to allow a reasonable amount of help on the C16, the program must use the Disk Drive. That way, I could put it in the custom buffer as as not to use up any memory, and a CROMET wedge like the DOS SUPPORT program seemed appropriate to allow for the normal HELP function. The result is a 142 byte piece of machine code using standard PRG files on a Commodore Disk Drive such as the 1541.

The Programs

Listing 1 is a short and sweet Screen Editor I wrote to produce HELP screens and store them on Disk.

Listing 2 is the Basic Loader program for the HELP command. It Pokes all the code into memory and redefines the function keys.

Listing 1 - The Screen Editor

When you've entered and debugged the program, save it onto a disk using `SAVE "HELP EDITOR"` and `RUN` the program again. You should be presented with a white screen showing the usual flashing cursor in the top-left corner. At this stage, the editor acts just as if you were editing a document: type text, or normal or reverse, graphics symbols; anything you want, even use the ESC function to format your screen.

Pressing `RETURN` from the first level puts you into the command mode. A bar will appear at the bottom of the screen with three options. Press the relevant function key to select each one.

`LOAD` prompts for a filename and attempts to load the HELP screen from the disk.

`SAVE` prompts for a filename and saves the current screen to disk under that name.

`CONT` puts you back into level - the edit mode.

When you've created a help screen, save it onto Disk under a suitable and memorable name, and exit the program. The HELP command now has something to work with. If you `DIRECTORY` the disk, you will see a file `filename.H`. The 'H' designates a HELP file.

Listing 2 - The Basic Loader

Now that you have some data on disk type in Listing 2, the Basic Loader, and save it on disk using `SAVE "HELP PROGRAM"`. When you have run it, try pressing function key 1. You should see the message `SYSTEM ROM ON`. `SYSTEM` owns the HELP command on, press function key 2 or type `SYSTEM` to turn it off.

With the HELP Command on, try typing in `HELP (RETURN)`. This



simply does the normal HELP function - if your program has no errors as it, nothing should happen. Now, try typing **HELP Filenames**, where Filenames is the name you stored your Help screen under. If all is well, your screen should load and the **READY** prompt will appear at the bottom of the screen. If this does not happen something is wrong - if you get an error message **"STRING TOO LONG ERROR**, this means that you have tried to type in a name more than 16 characters long. If you get the error message **"DIRECT MODE ONLY ERROR**, then you have tried to use the new HELP command from within a program. If neither of these, use **PRINT DS0** to find the error. The Syntax and errors returned by the HELP command are shown below.

Syntax of the HELP Command

HELP (RETURN) Normal HELP function

HELP (Filenames) Loads help file called "Filenames" from disk.
SYS 903 Turn HELP Command On
SYS 999 Turn HELP Command Off

Errors returned by the HELP Command

ALL DOS Errors - a fault concerning the disk.
"STRING TOO LONG You have typed a filename longer than 16 Characters.
DIRECT MODE ONLY You have tried to use HELP in a program.

Information on the HELP Program

The HELP Command resides in, default to the first 160 bytes of the cassette buffer (DS0-DS160). Note that when it is installed in this area of memory, the program will be erased by pressing **RESET**. I placed it here to avoid clashes between the Plus4

and the C16. However it may be relocated by changing the address A in line 0 of the BASIC Loader Program.

Practical use of the HELP Command

When loading HELP files try to give them reasonable and unambiguous names. It is also a good idea to make them short, though the **"** and **"** designators may be used in filenames. For instance, if you are going to replace the manual with a HELP disk, divide the files into commands, such as **showing the syntax** and a few examples of the command's use. E.g. Typing **HELP "CIRCLE"** might bring up all the different ways of using the command **CIRCLE**. The thing of utmost importance is to "use your common sense" in a system which is very powerful when used properly, but could end up not being helpful at all if help files are designed without thinking. Anyway, I hope it will be very useful to you!

GAMES UPDATE



The 1991 Cannes conference with the clever hole-punch game that topped the charts in its full-priced format. Maged Elmaghrabi went to cost, time and machine.

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The 2001 Academy Award for Best Picture was given to *Crash*, a film that depicts racism and violence against African Americans. The film's success was a testament to the power of cinema to address social issues.

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The Deep

It was a game which I think in which you controlled a character that had a way of an assassin and that was the main theme and final mission is

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1000

There are three children, all of whom you will destroy a great deal of money, thousands and thousands of dollars, in order to keep your child from becoming a great man. That is the only thing that you can do for your child, and that is the only thing that you can do for your child.

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GRAND PRIX CIRCUIT

Despite the split between Electronic Arts and Accolade, the string of Accolade sports customers from the EA stable. This latest one attempts to recreate the world of Formula 1 racing, and offers you the chance to drive for either the Ferrari, Williams, or McLaren teams in a world championship season race either driver and over eight Grand Prix races.

Selecting the team you will drive for also selects the type of car you will drive—for example, the Ferrari is slower than the others, but is not as likely to spin out as is a good car to start with. When you think you can control the car, you may want to swap to a Williams or the fastest, the McLaren. A more detailed appraisal of each car is presented on-screen in a display that shows the power curves, air frame power and torque, engine size, gear box, chassis and weight, so that people who think these figures are important can use them to decide which car to use in the championship.

Perhaps of more importance is the game level you choose to play at, as this can determine whether it will be a qualifying race without any mechanical problems, or a better fight where the best car and driver will win. The problem with the car is keeping it going at a speed fast enough to maintain your race position, but slow enough to stop it from spinning up.

There are also a major headache, particularly in the longer Grand Prix, where cornering can quickly and spurring can cause even wear. This can be changed in the Pts, but this can cost you valuable seconds if your Pts team isn't quick enough.

The first Grand Prix of the season is at Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, but before you can think about the race championship points for winning it, you have to drive round

the circuit on a qualifying lap. This not only gives you a preview of the track, but the time you take decides your position on the starting grid.

The race screen display shows your race of the track, and your controls, which include a tachometer to watch the engine stress, a damage indicator that plans the condition of your car, optimally braking and handling, a speedometer, and a map box that includes a line drawing of the course and a flashing dot to plot your position.

Steering can be a little tricky at first, as moving the joystick turns the wheel, and you must remember to turn it back again as it doesn't auto-centre, unlike most driving games. However, once you've mastered the basics you have to contend with the competition, particularly at the higher game levels when any collision will put you out of the race.

The corners are the best place to overtake, where the driver with the strongest drive will take the lead—as all down to when you apply the brakes. If you brake after your opponent, you'll go round the bend in the lead, but if you leave it too late you'll spin off.

While Grand Prix Circuit is a good simulation of a formula 1 championship, an eight race season will probably prove too much for all but dedicated formula 1 fans. There is an option to race in a single Grand Prix, but there are better racing games for the casual driver. This one's for those who live on carbon monoxide car fumes.

Timeline

TM: Grand Prix Racing Supplier, Accolade (Blythwood 4616) (Amesbury Business Centre, 11-15 Totton Rd, Lymington, Bursk) SL2 8EP. Tel: (0793) 49492



Infiltrator



Here's a second chance to fill the empty boots of the once and only Johnnie "Jambalaya" McGilchew, as he flies off in his Whoozang Enterprises Gattuso shopper to save the world at least three times. The former fall-pipe-and game has been re-released via the Kixx label, and it's excellent value for money.

His opponent is all that is the aply described but cartooned Mad Leader, who is threatening all sorts of

disastrous things if he isn't stopped, and Jambalaya's one aim is to do the job.

In this 30-screen, one-area affair, as a path is chosen on stage games in which you must fit through, jump, wiggle to, and the Mad Leader's camp, then (at last) infiltrate the heavily armed camp and smash the buildings for secret plans, weapons and so on.

In fact, *Infiltrator* is three games in one, starting with a combat flight simulator in which you must combat enemies, no matter the enemy, with lightning skills to shoot them down. In the camp, you are armed with laser pistols and sleeping gas to get into the camp without raising the alarm. Inside the buildings, things get tougher as you must avoid the guards and search (ingeniously, when a style reverses object in every room if the guards get too close), showing them your papers once safely (here, if not, no one sleeping gas and then get out before the alarm sounds and raise the alarm).

Infiltrator was a smash hit in the States but is sold understated out here. At £2.99, it's a bargain.

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Title: *Infiltrator* Supplier: Kixx (US Gold) Issue: 2/2
Retailer: Play World, Birmingham 89 747 871 821 338
£3.99 Price: £2.99



This is the re-release of the conversion of the original arcade game that began the Chase (or car chase) craze that has resulted in a string of games including *Road Runner* and *LFD Storm*. It all started in 1965 with *Spy Hunter*.

Naturally, it looks a little dated with its top-down view of a scrolling road, artwork that you must patrol, but the gameplay is just as addictive, and has recently moved the rest of time.

The action begins as the weapons you pick up at the side of the road and the Spy car rolls out into your physical control and begins with a machine gun as its only weapon. Your mission is to stay alive as long as possible (oddly enough) and clear the road of the various Road Lords, named Dumpers, Explorers, Switch Blades, and Mad Women (Jambalaya).

It gives you an attack you can't resist, and a response, which is probably the only one you'll need to see. It's a classic of the genre, and a great game to play. It's a classic of the genre, and a great game to play. It's a classic of the genre, and a great game to play.

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Denaris is a planet with a problem. For years its scientists have been developing super-advanced weapons, and so it was almost inevitable that one day the machines would get so advanced that that, wouldn't you say, would it need the sun any more?

By the time the Denarians realized what had happened, it was too late to launch a dawn assault. They tried anyway, but it just made the machines more powerful. Their only chance to break the insanity and escape from their underground prison is now, flying a small fighter.

The fighter is, of course, highly maneuverable, and can be improved by collecting items and debris from enemies. Before you start thinking that you've heard it all before, and that this is just another *Star Wars* clone, I'm delighted to tell you that it isn't. It is a *Star Wars* clone, two of you can — together.

It is a DOS 386/5

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the firepower of the satellite, and the Zoria stars increasing and decreasing the speed of the alien ships.

There are five types of bells that add a cumulative effect on your ship. They include a red bell to increase shooting power, gives to add to the number of missiles, blue to activate a temporary shield, grey to add 1000 bonus points and yellow, which acts as a smart bomb destroying everything around, in the screen.

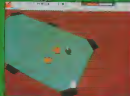
Other weapon symbols are less common, and include control known as the Scatter Shot, Lightning Bolt Shot and Power Shot. You can also collect protective satellites that fly above and below your fighter and deflect incoming missiles. You will need all the firepower and protection if you are to survive the level, as well as the considerable number machines that stand in the way to the next screen.

For more information on this game, visit us online

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Denaris



Patients who are concerned about getting a flu shot may be surprised to learn that the flu shot is one of the most effective ways to prevent the flu. The flu shot is a vaccine that contains a small amount of the flu virus. When you get the shot, your body's immune system recognizes the virus and produces antibodies to fight it. This helps to prevent you from getting the flu.

It is also a common error to (mis)interpret a p -value as being the probability that the null hypothesis is true, given that the null hypothesis is false. This is not the case. The p -value is the probability of observing a test statistic as extreme as the one observed, assuming the null hypothesis is true.

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There are two types of *in situ* hybridization: *fluorescent in situ hybridization* (FISH) and *immunohistochemical in situ hybridization* (IHC-ISH). FISH is used to detect specific DNA sequences in cells, while IHC-ISH is used to detect specific proteins in cells. Both techniques are used to study gene expression and function in cells.

The authors of some papers are invited to give the presentation that they find most interesting, whereas the other authors are asked to prepare a presentation that they consider least interesting. This is done to make the most of the time available. The authors are asked to prepare a presentation that they consider least interesting.

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1994 and 1995, respectively. The mean age of the subjects was 36.9 years (range 20–55 years). The subjects were recruited from the local community and were screened for the following conditions: hypertension, diabetes, hypercholesterolemia, and other conditions that could affect the results of the study. The subjects were then randomly assigned to one of two groups: the control group (n = 10) and the intervention group (n = 10). The control group received a standard diet and the intervention group received a diet rich in omega-3 fatty acids. The subjects were then followed up for 12 weeks. The results of the study are shown in Table 1. The subjects in the intervention group showed a significant decrease in blood pressure and a significant increase in HDL cholesterol levels compared to the control group.

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Bargain Bucket!

Six new budget games of varying quality are given the once over by Gordon Hamlett

Few titles this month offering six different games, so everybody should be able to find something to suit both pocket and taste.

Maxine (Superman flag) But are you trying to capture and deactivate an alien object? Orphan. The problem is, you only have one hour of real time to accomplish this. There are four different reactors that need to be shut down in this period or time to ensure the safety of life, the universe and everything.

You start off by designing your own robots, each made up of four different components: base, weapon, sensor and power. You must then explore Omega, controlling your robot either manually, as an automaton or by programming it.

This is an intriguing game, but it's let down somewhat by an inadequate set of instructions so that even after prolonged playing I still had little idea of what exactly I was trying to accomplish.



your brain's capacity for information in the space of one year is reduced. Please remember, it is documented that if (Frank you) don't exercise and meditate regularly, your mind capacity drops by the late 40s, early 50s and George's ring. Knocking off the time, you'll be up speed, your brain starts to refuse your opponent up a bit before knocking, to get into a good groove.

DING!
ROUND 2



The other two games are viewed as less interesting. *BMF Kick* has you trying to quickly knock out your opponent in the top three in your corner, and it's not a difficult part to complete the course. The boxing game is the same and looks as well. Collect cash, power, knock out energy, and when to super the other player in a few minutes with the other player.

The final game is *Nine Harry*, which is fairly detailed, essential, and game, but not too fast that it's almost worth having for the fact alone. Dodge arrows, knock chips, top level of death start with your sword and finally, shoot down a vampire with your blow pipe. If you are master enough, return.

A R Square's idea from *Big Bear* is a strange game. You must clear round cages using as much as the different statistics of assorted mathematical formulas. Pursuing the round the perimeter of the cage are the chains, and you will with these decrease your IQ, although you can survive this by collecting beads. Other players may be helpful or hinderous in your journey. I didn't particularly enjoy this game first time round, and I'm afraid that time has not followed my opinion.

The final game this month, and by far the best of the bunch, is *Dan Dare II* on Masterpiece's (Barnes) label. Perhaps the most notable aspect of this sequel is that it is actually different from the original—something most unusual on this industry. The old *Mekon* has developed a race of Superbeats, and it's up to Dan to penetrate the four levels of the Mekon's ship and sabotage the central beam.

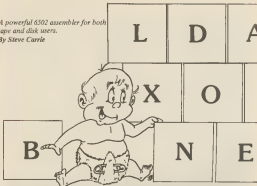
You can also choose to play the Mekon, attempting to reverse the Superbeats into outer space. In either case, you only have a limited amount of time to accomplish your task, before moving onto the next level. This is a good-looking game that plays exceptionally well, and if you don't already have it in your collection, I suggest that you go out and pick up a copy, straight away.



Bargain Bucket!

A powerful 6502 assembler for both tape and disk users.

By Steve Carrie



The ASM Assembler

The ASM assembler is a dual mode system whereby 6502 assembly language programs can be compiled from either tape or more disk files and/or memory. It provides a set of commands to control its various functions, and also allows output to a Commodore printer.

The system has two modes of operation, disk mode and memory mode. In disk mode, the source code file is read from the source disk drive, and its compiled output sent to another file on the destination disk drive. In memory mode, the source code is read from memory (where it is edited in other modes) and output to memory. Code relocation facilities exist to allow a program to be assembled to run at one address but placed at another.

The ASM system has two error modes, fatal and nonfatal. In fatal mode, errors will cause the assembler to halt, whereas in nonfatal mode, the assembler will process the whole file, listing errors as it goes. Some facilities also exist for control of disk drives and status reporting from these drives. A printer re-direction facility allows all output which is normally sent to the screen to be sent to the printer or device number 4 or 5. Source and destination drive numbers may be set before assembly commences. Whilst using the editor, any Basic direct mode commands may be issued.

Whilst ASM was designed primarily for use with disk drives, the fact that it supports memory assembly allows tape users to make use of it. The memory mode was originally

designed to allow short routines to be stored without having to resort to disk usage. Even in memory mode, you may still make use of files from disk as the file-in/file-out/include facility still works.

Getting it all in

Loaded here as a Basic loader program, ASM represents a considerable typing task. You may type in the program directly as it stands, but don't run it until you have read the next half before running, (meaning you have saved a copy to tape disk file) because there's direct BASIC commands first. There we'll set the memory configurations correctly.

POKE 43, 0: POKE 44, 15: POKE 45, 0: NEW

Now reload the Basic loader and run it. ASM will be POKED into memory at the correct address and (provided whatever device you set the device as to 1 or 8 or 9 (10) set the device) Run the machine and load and run ASM. You should get a message message and a flashing cursor.

When ASM is loaded and run, it installs a small wedge into the BASIC system. This has two important effects:

- 1) Edited program lines are no longer tabulated by Basic. This means that you cannot edit a Basic program. This is similar to the EDIT program in my Constructing a Compiler series as a previous issue of Power Computers.
- 2) A set of additional commands are introduced via the special character *. These commands allow you to easily access the facilities provided.

The additional commands

The extra commands are as follows:
Assembly

***source** Store the assembler in the mode set by the mode commands ***even** and ***odd**. The operation is as follows: in odd mode you are asked for a filename whose default extension is .asm. The output file will have extension .asm. In even mode, the source code is expected from memory and output is to memory. During assembly, output of messages, listings, etc to the list device will follow the mode set by commands ***source** and ***printer** while the execution of a program will be defined by ***load** and ***runload**. Assembly may be halted at any time by pressing the RUN/STOP key.

Assembler control commands

***disk** Set assembler disk mode. Source code is expected from disk and output is to a disk file (see ***source**).
***mem** Set assembler memory mode. Source code is expected in memory and output is to memory.
***halt** If an error is encountered during assembly, the assembler will stop.
***nohalt** If an error is encountered during assembly, it is displayed but assembly continues with the next line of source code. Note that output is still

produced in this mode but it should be noted that the program may not run correctly.

Information and editing commands

***source** Remember a source program in memory starting at 10 and going up in steps of 10.
***symbol** Display the symbols listing from the last assembly operation.
***mode** Show the mode of operation. This will show the assembly error and list device modes as well as device selections.
***help** List all the available commands.
***reset** Set the ASM system to default startup mode. All values are set to default states: * printer off, local error mode, memory assembly.
***info** Display assembly information from last assembly operation.
***load** Display source device structure.
***dest** Display destination device structure.

Device control commands

***device** Set device. Argument is the device number which must be in range 8 to 11.
***dest** Set destination device. Argument is the device number which must be in range 8 to 11.
***error** Send a command to source device. The command must be in quotes e.g. ***error "od-disk,dl"** will format a disk.
***load** Same as ***error** but for the destination device.
***noe** Display device error for source device.
***noe** Display device error for destination device.
***printer** Enable printer output. Argument is the select code for the list device (4 or 5).
***printeroff** Disable printer output.

Note that certain functions such as listings are controlled from within a source program, e.g. sym, list (see directives).

Available Operators

The following are valid in an expression:
+ Plus value e.g. sym BC080
- Minus value must be two e.g. lds a, -b
~ Low byte, e.g. lds a, c: symbol
h High byte e.g. lds a, c: symbol
+ Addition e.g. symbol cpa another2
- Subtraction e.g. symbol cpa another2

Errors and their meanings

The following is a list of the various error messages which may be printed during assembly.

Undefined Symbol Error

This occurs if a symbol has been referenced but has not been defined.

Redefined Symbol Error

Occurs when a symbol is defined more than once.

Memory Not Recognised

What the assembler took to be a memory does not appear to be a valid one.

Bad Symbol Error

Something is wrong with a symbol. Typically an invalid character or it is too long.

Illegal Operand Error

Illegal Memory Field

These two errors point to a general syntax problem in a source code line.

Missing Operand Error

An operand was expected but was not found.

Disk File Error

General failure of disk system.

Syntax Error

A problem with a directive, a likely **Illegal Quantity Error**.

Later overrange condition has occurred, typically a 16-bit value in a byte mode instruction.

Illegal Addressing Mode

An instruction was used in an incorrect way.

Not X or Y Index

Only X and Y index registers are valid.

Symbol Table Full

Prody told me that it indicates that the space set aside for symbols has been exceeded.

Branch Range Error

Branch instructions are relative and may only operate within a certain range.

Linkfile name length error

The argument to an lds directive is too long.

Linkfile name missing

The argument isn't there at all.

Bad directive in memory mode

You have used some directive not valid in memory mode.

Bad directive in disk mode

You have used some directive not valid in disk mode.

Change open another link file

Trapping error message when you try to link another file whilst already linked.

No such select code for the device

You have tried to assign a device


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100  Basic 100
200  Program 200
300
400  Open device:
500  Open
600
700  If Err = 0 Then Goto 800
800  Print "Error: Invalid device"
900  Close device: Close
1000
1100  Do: #Data mem:
1200  Do: #Program mem:
1300  #Data mem:
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10000 Do: #Program mem:

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End of

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10  . Example 1
20  Open 10 file
30  Var ASM
40  Open 10 file: 10
50  Close
60  If Err = 0 Then Goto 70
70  Print "Error: Invalid device"
80  Close
90  If Err = 0 Then Goto 100
100  Do: #Data mem:
110  Do: #Program mem:
120  Do: #Data mem:
130  Do: #Program mem:
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10000 Do: #Data mem:

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End of

Type This In And Save to disk
 10 Open 10 file
 20 Var ASM
 30 Open 10 file: 10
 40 Close

End of

code other than 4 or 5 for a printer (updates) or a code rather than 1, 6, 10 or 11 for a disk drive (updates). (Note) Entries in other mode only Device Communication Failure.

Communication to a disk drive failed. May indicate wrong device number. Equivalent to Basic's "Device Not Present" error.

Things to look out for...

When ASM is installed and running, the following information is relevant. The Basic charge code is diverted to a new routine within the ASM code to allow the inclusion of the new commands. The program loads like a Basic program into memory starting at address 1000. When it has been run the start of Basic is shifted up to about \$1500. You may still type any Basic direct commands such as LOAD, SAVE, POKE, etc but caution is advised using POKE on addresses between \$0000 and \$1500.

In both memory and disk modes, code is edited above about \$1500. In memory mode, the symbol table begins in memory after the source program. This also applies to disk mode hence any program in memory will be preserved. This means that you should type 'new' before connecting a disk mode otherwise to maintain symbol space. During assembly, the BASIC ROM is retained out. The space from \$C000 to \$FFFF is left free. Symbols then occupy the space from the end of any program in memory up to \$FFFF.

ASM should co-exist peacefully with the Basic interpreter. The 'load' command may be used to resolve certain situations where the system is not operating correctly. However it has a limited effect, and it may become necessary to powerdown should the system still operate incorrectly.

ASM is a source code compatible with any earlier FCL system assembler published in a previous Your Commodore and also the FL/24 assembler. ASM's facilities are in effect, a superset of the FCL assembler's facilities, and ASM could therefore replace the FCL assembler if desired.

To help you become familiar with the system, I have included some example source files listing which may be assembled using ASM. The comment fields at the beginning indicate which mode they should be run in. Good luck!

DMA Assembler Directives

BYT Byte value directive. Single values or strings of single quoted values.
 e.g. `byt 32, 64, 96, 128, 160, 192, 224, 256`

WOR Word directive.
 e.g. `word $C000, $D000, $E000, $F000`

EQE Zero page square. Used to assign a square value to a symbol.
 e.g. `pointer equ $FE`

EQA Absolute square. Used to assign an absolute value to a symbol.
 e.g. `var equ $10000`

ORG Set code origin, in disk mode also sets code load address.
 e.g. `org $C000`

RES Reserve memory.
 e.g. `res 60 (reserve 60 bytes)`

LST Causes assembler to list during pass 2.

SYM Causes assembler to display a table upon completion of the assembly.

LNK Chain to another file. When file has been assembled the current file resumes assembling.
 e.g. `lnk 'symbols.asm'`

REL Relocation offset. The code segment is set by the org directive. This directive allows you to assemble code to run at one address (org) whilst being sent to another memory area (rel).
 e.g. `org $8000
 rel $C000`

Disk Edit

Delve further into your disks with the help of this article

By Fergal Moore

Disk editing is what separates a casual disk user from a professional. Once you can edit disks, a whole world of seemingly impossible tasks becomes possible. Files can be listed, unformatted, cloned, reformatted, and renamed when you have the tools and the know-how.

Finally, a word of warning: don't edit a disk with important programs on it, unless you know what you're doing. The unformatted disks for practice, and safe backups of valuable data. A good Disk Editor will make things a lot easier: you have no need for complex commands. There is a good example in the December 1987 edition of *Your Commodore*. This is not essential though: you can make do with the commands and DISPLAY TAB on the demo disk you get with your drive.

Commands

The commands regarding direct disk access are called the Block commands (a Block is another name for a sector).



Your disk drive manual contains more detailed explanations, but a summary follows.

To use these commands, you'll need to have two files open: one for commands and the other to a buffer for data. The command channel you will probably be familiar with

OPEN:15,1

The disk channel can be any other number, but 5 or 1 are usually used.

OPEN:12,""

After these open commands, **PRINT 15** will send commands, and **PRINT 5** will send data to the channel.

Note that when drive is means read, that means 0 for a single drive. The drive is usually 0, but can be changed. See the examples on the disk for more information.

Block-Read

Syntax: PRINT #15, "B-R",
channel,
drive,
track,
sector

The command transfers the required sector into the data channel (in our case 5). Then use the **GET** % command to read the information into a variable.

It's important to note that Block-Read will only read up to far as the Block-Pointer, which is usually 0. The **USER1** command is usually used as this sets the pointer to 255 automatically, allowing the sector to be read in one operation.

USER1

Syntax: PRINT #15, "U1",
channel,
drive,
sector,

Block-Write

Syntax: PRINT #15, "B-W",
channel,

drive

track

sector

To use this command, fill up the channel with information to write using **PRINT** % then use the command to write to the required sector. This is the exact opposite of Block-Read, so open **USER1** is usually used

USER1

Syntax: PRINT 15, "U1",
channel,

drive,
track,
sector

Block-Pointer

Syntax: PRINT #15, "B-P",
channel,
location

By using this command you can quickly write directly to the sector you want the next read or write to begin. This allows you to read or alter individual bytes in a sector, starting at 'location'. See the Disk Name program for a demo.

Block-Allocate

Syntax: PRINT #15, "B-A", drive,

track

sector

This allocates a bit in the Block-Availability Map to show a sector is in use. It is used in conjunction with **read** across databases.

Block-Free

Syntax: PRINT 15, "B-F", drive,
track,

sector

This is the opposite of Block-Allocate and fills up sectors for use without destroying the actual data in them. If a write is made, the data will probably be overwritten as the RAM has verified the sector is empty.

Disk Maps

Before you can use these commands, you will need some information on disk structure. The maps will provide this information, and information on file structure.

Editing

There are a number of files provided here for demonstration purposes. The best way to learn is to study these programs with the microscope at hand. They are heavily REBbed, but here are some notes explaining what's going on. Even if you don't learn anything, they are useful wisdom to have.

Protect File

This program 'locks' (i.e. prevents a user from scratching) the first file on a disk by writing to it of the file type to 1 effectively ORing it with 100. This prevents accidental damage and has a < beside its name in the directory. By adding 32 to the last power number and changing the sector number any program in the directory may be protected.

Disk Name

This allows you to change the name of the disk without erasing the contents. It makes use of the fact that the disk name is stored at bytes 194-196 in sector 0.

Load Address

This changes the load address of any program to a given address. It searches for the first sector of storage and by its ID contains the load address. It is most useful with **open** data.

Unscratch

On scratching a file the directory in the directory is merely marked as being deleted. This program unscratches the disk, for a scratched program and restores the file type, unscratching the file. You are advised to turn the unscratched program to another disk on case of another accident. Note that this will probably not work if something has been saved to the disk since the **BCR**, **DH**, as it may have been saved over the old program. Enjoy your disk editing!

BLOCK DISTRIBUTION BY TRACK

Track number	Block range	Total
1 to 17	0 to 30	31
18 to 34	0 to 16	17
35 to 38	0 to 17	18
39 to 45	0 to 16	17

1540/1541 BAM FORMAT

Track 18, Sector 0		
BYTE	CONTENTS	DEFINITION
0,1	18,01	Track and block of first directory block.
2	65	ASCII character A indicating 4040 format
3	0	Null flag for future DOS use
4-143		Bit map of available blocks for tracks 1-35
		*1 = available block 0 = block not available (each bit represents one block)

1540/1541 DIRECTORY HEADER

Track 18, Sector 0		
BYTE	CONTENTS	DEFINITION
144-161		Disk name with shifted spaces
162-163	160	Disk ID
164		Shifted space
165-166	10,60	ASCII representation for 2A which is DOS version and format type
166-167	160	Shifted spaces.
177-255	0	Nulls, not used
Note: ASCII characters may appear in locations 180 thru 191 on some diskettes		

SEQUENTIAL FORMAT

BYTE	DEFINITION
0-1	Track and block of next sequential data block.
2-255	255 bytes of data with carriage return as needed terminators.

PROGRAM FILE FORMAT

BYTE	DEFINITION
0,1	Track and block of next block in program file
2-255	256 bytes of program info stored in CRM memory format (with key words released) End of file is marked by three zero bytes.

RELATIVE FILE FORMAT

DATA BLOCK	
BYTE	DEFINITION
0,1	Track and block of next data block
2-255	254 bytes of data. Empty records contain FF (all binary ones) in the first byte followed by 00 (binary all zeros) to the end of the record. Partially filled records are padded with nulls (00)
SIDE SECTOR BLOCK	
BYTE	DEFINITION
0-1	Track and block of next side sector block
2	Side sector number (0-5)
3	Record length
4-5	Track and block of first side sector (number 0)
6-7	Track and block of second side sector (number 1)
8-9	Track and block of third side sector (number 2)
10-11	Track and block of fourth side sector (number 3)
12-13	Track and block of fifth side sector (number 4)
14-15	Track and block of sixth side sector (number 5)
16-255	Track and block pointers to 120 data blocks



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65	410 0-0000000	66	010 0-0000000
66	420 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	67	020 0-0000000
67	430 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	68	030 0-0000000
68	440 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	69	040 0-0000000
69	450 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	70	050 0-0000000
70	460 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	71	060 0-0000000
71	470 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	72	070 0-0000000
72	480 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	73	080 0-0000000
73	490 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	74	090 0-0000000
74	500 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	75	100 0-0000000
75	510 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	76	110 0-0000000
76	520 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	77	120 0-0000000
77	530 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	78	130 0-0000000
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88	640 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	89	240 0-0000000
89	650 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	90	250 0-0000000
90	660 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	91	260 0-0000000
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95	710 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	96	310 0-0000000
96	720 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	97	320 0-0000000
97	730 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	98	330 0-0000000
98	740 0-0000000 0-0000000-V	99	340 0-0000000
99	750 0-0000000 0-0000000-V		

PROGRAM LISTINGS

01	0000	02	0000
03	0000	04	0000
05	0000	06	0000
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09	0000	10	0000
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Extending Basic

Declaring and using labels in Basic is not as difficult as it may seem

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One advantage of writing machine code programs with an assembler is that you can declare labels for jumps and branches. An example of that is "Speedy Assembler" written by Jason Cole, and still available from Reader's Service for anybody who wants to get into serious machine code programming.

Instead of having to give jumps and subroutines calls as absolute addresses, and having to calculate relative branches, you simply declare a label on the left-hand side at the start of the routine to be jumped or branched to, and the assembler does the rest. It stores the label as what is called "the symbol table" with the address of the location at that point next to it.

Later on when it finds that label next to a jump or branch instruction, it fetches the address from the symbol table and in case of a jump or subroutine call overwrites it in the location to be jumped to or to be called at, in the case of a branch instruction calculates the length of the branch. The programmer doesn't have to trouble himself with any of this. Nor does he have to go to the trouble of calculating branches. Instead he just attaches a name to the routine or subroutine in question.

And what's more, labels like this add tremendously to the readability of the program, because you can give each routine and subroutine a name that means you. This helps quite a bit when a bug has developed in the

program (and doesn't it always!), and the programmer has to spend ages finding it.

Labels in Basic

Because of all this, I felt for a long time that it would be nice to be able to use labels like that in Basic programs. No more memorizing of line numbers, and, most of all, no more remembering of GOTO's and GOSUB's whenever you change the program.

It is actually, surprisingly easy to introduce such a facility to the rather primitive-looking Commodore 64 Basic. In the last article of this series we've developed a routine which allows us to give GOTO and GOSUB with variable names. So we've already got the basic facility to labelize jumps and subroutine calls, but we still have to declare the value of the label at the beginning of the program with a line

like "Subroutine = 1000". To do this job for us, the computer has to build a symbol table of stars, and this has to be done before the program is actually run. This is because during execution, when a GOTO or GOSUB is encountered, the computer has to know where to jump to.

You may know that most assemblers are called "Two Pass Assemblers". That is because in order to deal with jumps and branches, the assembler has to do its job in two goes. First it goes through the whole of the routine and builds the symbol table, and then it has a second go in which it is able to assemble the source in earnest.

To use labels in the shell in Basic we have to do a similar thing. Before the program is run as normal, the computer has to sift through the whole of the routine and collect all the line numbers to which it has to GOTO and GOSUB later on. This means that a

Figure 1

AST1	Branch	PHP	Save status register
AST2		LDA 0	This is direct run mode
AST3		JSR \$PPH	Set kernel flag to direct run mode
AST7		PLP	Restore status register
AST8		BNV LocNo	IF 0 then RUN plus line number
AST9		JMP	Do CLR and start program
ASTD	LocNo	JSR \$AMH	Do CLR
AL38		JMP \$A87	Jump to GOTO and start program

takes a lot of time until running proper starts. But I don't think that this is a major drawback, and it certainly is worth it.

Running a Basic Program

So we have to interrupt the RUN command. To do this let's look first of all at the effect of what it does under normal circumstances.

After you've typed in your Basic program and then given the RUN command to execute your program, the Basic interpreter jumps to the routine at EAP71. Figure 1 gives you a diagram of that routine.

First, the flag register is cleared on the stack. Then a call to a Kernell routine is made. This routine puts the computer into the direct run mode by loading the system variable B00 with zero and setting ST, which is the status variable.

Then the flag register is pulled from the stack again. If the zero flag equals one, that is, if the last value in the accumulator has been zero, then there were no parameters with the RUN command; in that case the routine continues, otherwise it branches forward because a line number has been given with RUN.

If no line number is given with RUN the routine jumps to the CLR routine and doesn't return. If a line number has been given with RUN, the routine calls on the CLR routine and then jumps to the GOTO routine, because in the end RUN 100 is similar to GOTO 100. The only difference is that RUN clears all the Basic variables, while GOTO leaves them unchanged.

The CLR routine clears all the Basic variables and gives them a fresh start. So that variables and arrays can be built up anew. This is mainly done by setting the string storage pointer and the array storage pointer to the end of the Basic textfile, because, as you might know, Basic stores all the variables and arrays declared in a program directly after the end of the textfile.

Modified RUN

Our modified RUN routine starts at line 1528 (Listing 1). First we deal with the RUN command again or less in the same way as the ROM routine. That is, we set the Kernell flag to the direct run mode (line 1530-1540), and then we clear the Basic variables (line 1540).

Then I bothered about RUN line numbers so that won't work with the routine as it is. If you give a line number with RUN, it will just be ignored. But nevertheless, if you do want that little-used feature, it shouldn't be impossible for you to add it with the help of the explanation of the normal RUN routine, which I've given above.

Next, we set area page 154, 155 in the start of the Basic textfile (line 1540-1550). Area page locations 151 to 153 are never used by the Commodore operating system, so these locations are absolutely safe to be used for your own purposes. There are many other area page locations which are used by the Kernell or the Basic interpreter, but which are usually quite safe to use. For example, if you don't do any floating point arithmetic, you may use locations 161 to 167 without any trouble. But the point is always to think before you use an area page variable, otherwise the system might do very funny things indeed.

After that we go into the main loop (SEARCHLP) which looks at each Basic line to see if it contains a label (line 1630-1680). To understand SEARCHLP here is a short explanation of how a Basic line is stored in memory.

First of all the line number is given in the usual low byte/high byte fashion. Next there are two bytes which contain the so-called link pointer. Each link pointer points to the beginning of the next line. This makes it very easy to search through a Basic textfile, because you just have to jump from one link pointer to the other, each time looking at the line number preceding it, and as next to us there you've found the line you're looking for.

Each Basic line is finished with a zero, which is the standard terminator used by Commodore (strings too are always terminated with zero). At the end of the textfile there will be two zeros in the locations where otherwise the next line number would be. So this is how the computer will know when it has reached the end of the textfile.

If you look at SEARCHLP in our program, you'll find the code we're looking for: there two zeros right at the beginning of the loop (line 1630-1680).

Declaring a Label

Naturally we have to tell the computer when it has found a label. For that

we have to make a label stand out in some way.

To do this I have chosen the following way of declaring a label: a label has to be at the beginning of a line after the line number, and it has to be preceded by a fullstop. Of course, you are free to experiment with methods which might suit you better, because this is the whole purpose of the series of articles to enable you to develop extended Basic routines which suit your particular needs!

Anyhow, in the routine given, the computer looks for a fullstop and then tells him that it has found a label (line 1690-1720). So it jumps to the routine which I called LABELFOUND. First of all the current location in the textfile is moved in ST, 79, so that afterwards the computer can continue searching the textfile for more labels (line 1690-1695).

Then it goes forward five bytes to point at the label itself (line 1695-1699). Remember, all we are doing here is a simple LIT operation, like "LET LABEL = 1000" (or "LABEL = 1000" if you omit the LET). So the next BOLD routine (BOLD8) we call validates our label, that is, finds out if it is a permitted variable name (as you know, a valid Basic variable name has to start with a letter).

If the name is valid, the five two characters of it are stored in the variable area, which starts immediately after the end of the Basic textfile. On return from BOLD8, the low byte of the variable location is in the accumulator, and the high byte is in the Y-Register. We store this in area page 249-254 which is the system variable pointer (line 1710-1715).

Next we get the line number and store it in area page 162-163, which is our floating point accumulator + 1 (line 1710-1715). The next routine (BOLD9) which we call converts the line number into a proper floating point number (line 1740). We have to do it in the rather complicated way because variables of this type have to be stored as floating point numbers in order to be recognized later on.

Finally we call BOLD10 (line 1760), which stores the value contained in flip switch #1 in the variable area itself. Now our label has been stored like any other Basic variable in the variable area, including the number of the line on which it appeared. We can return to our main search loop and look for the next label.

The fact that each of the labels we

declared as stored like any other basic variable means, of course, that only the first two characters of the label will be recognized. The rest of the label is ignored, which happens to be useful

rather, because it doesn't give much scope for declaring nonsensical names which are recognized.

Therefore, in the next article I'd like to develop a routine which builds

and recognizes a symbol table entry from the basic variable area. This will enable us to declare labels with up to eight characters which are fully recognized.

Listing 1

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10          CMT $B100
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40          CLASSET BQI $B003
50          RECVSET BQI $B005
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90          TURN EXTENDED BASIC ON
100         BY CHANGING VECTOR AT $B00F
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120         EXTRASAVE LDA # PRESTART
130         STA #RECVSET
140         LDA #PRESTART
150         STA #RECVSET
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180         SET
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210         TURN EXTENDED BASIC OFF
220         BY CHANGING VECTOR AT $B00F
230         BACK TO NORMAL ($A7E4)
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250         EXTRASAVE LDA # $A7E4
260         STA #RECVSET
270         LDA # $A7E4
280         STA #RECVSET
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300         SET
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340         *** MAIN PROGRAM ENTER ***
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360         LOOK FOR EXTENDED BASIC COMMANDS
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380         PRESTART JNE CHASSET
390         JNE RECVSET
400         JMP $A7AE
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430         EXTRASAVE CMT "C"
440         BNE NEXT
450         JMP GET BT
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470         NEXT CMT $B003 BT , $B005
480         CMT $B005 BT , $B007
490         CMT $B007 BT , $B009
500         CMT $B009 BT , $B00B
510         CMT $B00B BT , $B00D
520         CMT $B00D BT , $B00F
530         CMT $B00F BT , $B011
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550         CMT "C"
560         BNE NORMAL
570         JNE CHASSET
580         CMT "O"
590         BNE NORMAL
600         JNE CHASSET
610         CMT "L"
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Tech Troubles

*A selection of the problems solved and readers' hints
from this month's mailbox*
By Andy Andros

Why do computers use integers as well as normal decimal values, and where do floating point numbers come into it?
David Kennedy, Cambridge

Dear David,
Another term for an integer is a 'whole number' as, as you point out, a number without any decimal point. Other numbers are referred to as 'floating point' numbers because of the way in which the calculation is performed in the computer's memory. Floating point calculations are difficult to explain in the space allowed here but luckily, the fact that they do work is all that was really need to leave for home.

The reason that computers use integers is because it helps to speed up arithmetic, and is more accurate than floating points when a certain amount of rounding up and down of values occurs. The speed benefit is gained because there is no need to calculate the position of the decimal place, or to check if the value should be expressed in exponential form where an extremely large or small number is expressed by a value and the power to which it has to be raised to reveal the actual number.

A popular myth is that integers use less memory than floating point values but this is not entirely true. Integers use four bytes - two for the variable name and two for the actual number. Floating point numbers, similarly, use two bytes for the variable name, but five more bytes are needed for the value. So, on the face of it,



integers do need less space, but the integer values is followed by three unused bytes, which means that both types of variable physically occupy seven bytes of memory.

I thought the Your Commodore Screen Users Guide 1988, and found the 44 tips for the 44 quest information. One of the tips is how to simulate a PRINT AT command without using rows of cursor down and left. I thought that you may be interested in a technique that I've been using for the past few years:

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10 POSITION=0:PRINT LOTS
20 POSITION=0
30 PRINT HELLO
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Location 204 is the vertical position of the cursor on the screen (under J is 24). The PRINT command in line 30 is used to update this new row, in the Commodore's memory, and a cursor up to replace the cursor onto the required line. Next the cursor is placed successfully. By giving a value to location 204 and the message can then be printed.

Two final words on this routine: when it printing on the top and bottom lines. For using the top line, printing a cursor home with a semicolon will set the row position and then the column value can be pulled into 204 if the last line is used the screen will scroll up unless you follow the message printing command with a semicolon.

I hope this is of use to someone, somewhere.
Carol Redden, Weymouth

Dear Clive

Thanks very much for that tip. I found it very informative, and if anyone else has a technical tip I'd be very pleased to hear about it.

In a listing I came across the following question which I don't understand

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200 HEX=CHR$(A+48):GOTO 170
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Could you explain what it achieves?

Clive Foster, Midhurst

Dear Clive

This is an unusual but useful application of a comparison command. It is the sort of routine which would convert a decimal value to its hexadecimal equivalent.

To understand how it works, I'll have to explain the principle behind the greater than and less than commands. When a comparison is made, the result is a zero if the conditions is false and a minus one if the condition is true.

In the example that you've supplied, the value given by the comparison would be zero if X had a value between zero and nine but minus one if the value exceeds nine. What the operation is doing is taking the value in A, and adding 48 to give a value whose CHR\$ equivalent is the number character which corresponds to X. This works well up to a value of nine, but values 10 to 15 would produce punctuation marks and symbols because there is a gap of seven characters between the CHR\$ value for nine and the CHR\$ value for the letter A. The program has to be able to add seven to values over 10, but not to values below that.

The solution is to compare the value with nine, and then multiply this by seven. This would mean that the low values would subtract nine from the CHR\$ value but high values would subtract 7 (i.e. multiplied by 7). Subtracting a negative value follows the mathematical law that states that one minus gives a plus, so the program actually adds seven to the CHR\$ value.

To test this try setting up a loop for A having values of zero to 15. Print the operation inside the loop and a statement to print eight HEX\$ values, and the result will be a list of hex equivalents from 0 to F.

I just wrote a program which uses several groups of D-O-P-A statements but the only problem with it is that RESTORE can't be set to point to a particular line. Is there any way around this, because if the answer I have to RESTORE and then read

in DATA and the correct point is reached?

Harry In, Hampton

Dear Harry

There are two ways to tackle your problem. The first is to read the data onto one list array and manipulate from instead of using data READs.

The second method is to create a special form of the RESTORE command. This is done by reading in the data until the line where the program is to be restored to. The actual memory location can be stored by peaking locations 65 and 66 and storing this in a table as a side part of memory.

Each variable point is similarly stored until the table is complete. When the data reading has to be restored to any of those points, they can be pointed from these storage point and pointed back to 65 and 66.

Can you tell me where I can find a good book containing a breakdown of the C128 Basic ROMs? I have a hunch that such a book may not exist, because I have a book which gives a breakdown of the kernel, but which states that the data subsequently would fill a very large volume.
Richard Tapp, York

Dear Richard

You'll be pleased to hear that such a book does actually exist, though you are right in assuming that it is a weighty tome. C128 Basic ROMs, home-made, published by Abacus, runs to over 600 pages. Of this 490 pages contain an annotated ROM disassembly, and the rest is packed with useful information about the workings of the system, alongside some useful programming hints and resources. The price is £18.95, and it is available from Precision Software, 4 Park Terrace, Weymouth Park, Surrey GU10 1JZ but please include £1.48 for post and packing.

If you have a problem that no known and Andy will try to help. Write to Tech Troubles, Page Contribution, Apple House, Roundway Way, Hound Hampshire, Hants HP14 7SL

THE EPSON SQ-2500

The first major task in getting the SQ-2500 out of the box—ideally, it's a job for two people. The SQ-2500 might be expensive, but it has a wide carriage and you certainly get a lot of printer for your money. Styling is recognizably Epson, but the greatest improvement from the first is that this printer makes quality. Construction is superb. I didn't actually try it, but I'm sure I could jump on the SQ-2500 without damaging it (and I weigh over 160 pounds).

Setting it up

This is an ink-on printer so there's no ribbon, just an ink cartridge, paper feed knob, the main feed and paper guide. Open a cover on the right side towards the rear of the printer, push in the ink cartridge, close the cover and that's done. On the left side is a similar cover, but unless you want to see either of the possible two main feed cartridges, you needn't open it.

The interface and power lead connect at the rear, as usual for Epson, and the power switch is on the right side. The paper guide easily slots into position, and when an new ink cartridge is fitted, the SQ needs priming (this is the long cleaning cycle mentioned here), but it just seems to switch on and print a header. After about half a minute it's ready to go.

Both parallel and a serial interface are standard, with provision for a third one, and any of the extra Epson interfaces (listed in the SQ-300 report) can be used too. The standard buffer is 1K. The manual is 100 pages, as contrast to the LQ's 240, but contains all the necessary information, including both types of command summary and a quick reference card.

If you are afloat on SQ buy cost? If you do, don't waste time looking for alternatives—there aren't any! Four buttons (just one of those a one/off) control EVERYTHING! This explains the short manual. There's very little on trouble-shooting

To conclude last month's feature on the world of 24 pin dot matrix printers,

Robin Burton admires the highly impressive Epson SQ-2500

The only way I can imagine anyone having trouble with the SQ is if they can't read, in which case the manual wouldn't help much.

I'm not being flippant! It's all setup, and manual selection is by contrast not so simple, but with a difference. There's a liquid crystal display at the front of the printer next to the selection buttons, and the SQ asks the questions. You answer by simply pressing a button, and the settings are stored. This is a dream machine.

Superb though this is, there's more! The SQ also has four macros. Each of these is a complete, permanently stored definition containing everything you would want the printer to know about a job. Any one of the four can be loaded automatically at power up, you choose which one you want in the configuration details, which means permanently set unless you alter them.

You can manually load any macro by a couple of button presses, and can also amend them manually, by soft wire or both, either temporarily, or permanently. Simply re-use a macro at any time (by pressing a button) if you want the changes to be permanent. If not, day's forgotten unless when you switch off or when you load a different macro. You might also want to print out the settings, at which case—press a button.

This is all so comprehensive you can give up describing it as difficult. I've therefore included a list of my configuration settings up front, so you can use for yourself. Everything is stored: left and right margins, font, style, pitch, page size, etc. etc.

As standard, the SQ-2500 is a dot sheet printer, but an optional tractor unit can be added for continuous paper. You may have gathered by now that the SQ-2500 is intended for high quality, high speed, high volume output. The fact that the tractor is incorporated and therefore without paper parking is a contrast, irrelevant.

Don't misunderstand: swapping between continuous and sheet-feed is easy enough, but if you need to do it every often you don't need an SQ-2500. It wasn't built for the average home user's varied low volume needs, and used that way would be like doing the grocery shopping in a Formula One car. Theoretically possible, but...

If one sheet is the major use, a double bin automatic sheet feeder can also be attached.

Specification

The SQ-2500 is of course where all an Epson's compatibility comes from for the LQ-580 all apply to the SQ including the 15 national character sets.

Six fonts are standard for the SQ-2500 each is used with links. Additional effects are limited to double width, double height at both. All fonts are available in the sizes 10, 12 and 15 cps, and all can be combined (except 15 pins).

There's also provision for two font models, but so far as I could see all the Epson LQ fonts are standard to the SQ except OCR-B. Maximum vertical spacing is a 120th of an inch, and horizontal is a 360th.

Using the Epson

When the SQ powers up it automatically goes through a self-cleaning cycle. The printer informs you (via the LCD) when the ink cartridge is getting low, and when it's exhausted. According to the manual, a cartridge lasts for 3,000,000 characters in LQ, and 6,000,000 in draft. Two years later enough. I've gone through with over 1,500 sheets largely in LQ (roughly 3,000,000 characters) and not a word so far.

Using semi-automatic sheet feed is simple and quick, and it has been absolutely reliable with all weights of paper. Just drop sheets into the guide, press Form feed, and the sheet is lined up perfectly (I even tried it with a 9 x 4 inch envelope—noticeably difficult to keep straight—with no trouble at all).

If the tractor is fitted, a simple attach on top of the SQ—there are no covers to change. Luckily, along with the tractor, Epson provide a matching base on which the printer sits. Continuous paper is kept under this, out of the way. A paper rest is also included to keep the paper clear of the heads.

Manual line feed forms feed, self-test and test dump are controlled by the buttons, and the self test includes the current configuration and status settings too. As mentioned before, just the configuration and the four modes, etc. also be based on demand (or characteristically clunked) directly via the LCD. Without altering any of the current settings you also can switch between draft or LQ at any time by pressing, either the linefeed or the form-feed button.

Print quality is frankly so superior to that of an impact dot-matrix printer that a comparison is pointless. Because there are no wires pressing through a fabric ribbon, the individual dots are much smaller and more precise. I've

even noted when I bought a laser-printer by people who didn't know I had the SQ. It might not be quite that good, but it's obviously near enough, and you'd have to put the two side by side to notice a difference. Also, unlike any impact printer, the quality never varies. There's no deterioration or fading of print quality, because there's no ribbon to wear out. Characters are always perfect and uniformly every black.

The SQ is the fastest matrix printer I've ever seen. The Iiyama don't adequately tell the story—you have to see it to appreciate just how quick it is. In fact its speed was at one point an inconvenience. With such dense character images, double width is almost unnecessary. Of course I used it, but output was quick enough to allow the paper to re-align to the carriage before the rib had fully dried. I have now lowered the basket.

The final difference about the SQ is noise, specifically the absence of it. I can't recall the paper line don't realize just how much you can mentally compensate to brace yourself for the onslaught of noise from an impact printer. At least not until you start printing, and it doesn't happen. It's rather accurate at first, and after years of impact printers, it took me a week to get used to this. Needless to say the SQ easily passes the telephone test, so that if you were surrounded by them a would be no problem.

Quite aside from its obvious desirability, this aspect of the SQ's performance (along with the others) offers very obvious benefits for offices where several printers are at work. I would think the absence of noise from the SQ (just the carriage moving back and forth) would be welcome even in places like libraries and hospitals too.

The SQ-2500 has operated perfectly throughout.

Conclusion

It hardly needs saying that the SQ-2500 is Epson's top-of-the-range conventional dot-matrix printer, and it has been for a few years now. It is built like the Ford Bronco, and has by far the easiest manual control of all operational features of any printer I know. Macros are flexible, and allow an automated switch between four completely different set-up definitions in literally a couple of seconds.

Of course the recent arrival of low-cost laser printers must have ended SQ sales, but there are still plenty of jobs that laser printers don't do very well or at all, (fast printing A3 pages, viewfinders) and where running costs are also higher than the SQ's. One laser printer benchmark however is shared by the SQ-2500 because it's not an impact device: multi-part sets are impossible, though with its speed you'd probably just print extra copies as needed.

In its target market, I doubt that the SQ-2500 has any competition. Quality is beyond question in construction, operation and output. It must be the fastest, quietest way of getting high quality print onto paper, with all the flexibility of a conventional printer and a virtual absence of operator skill or training.

The recommended retail price is £1,349. Options include a tractor unit at £90 and a double-line automatic sheet feeder at £170. £1,519 for £100.50 and £420.50 including VAT. Ink cartridges are about £24 and have a shelf life of two years.

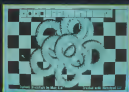
Checking current advertisements I found that the SQ-2500 can be purchased for around £975 plus VAT, with proportional reductions in the optional fittings.

TABLET FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION/PRINTERS

	Dimensions WxDxH	Time/Speed to print 5000 chars	Letter	Weight
Star LC2410	17" x 17" x 17"	50 sec, 80 cps	137mm, 50 cps	14.5 lbs
Epson SQ-900	16.5" x 17" x 17"	52 sec, 84 cps	135mm, 40 cps	15.5 lbs
Citizens SQP-45	34" x 5" x 4.75"	43 sec, 111 cps	300 mm, 50 cps	16.5 lbs
Epson SQ-2500	21.5 x 15 x 6	32 sec, 156 cps	36 mm, 89 cps	25 lbs

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It is important to understand that the purpose of this study is not to determine the effectiveness of the intervention, but to determine the feasibility of the intervention. The study will be conducted in a controlled setting, and the results will be used to inform the design of a larger, randomized controlled trial.

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The paper's authors conclude that "the 1990s have been a decade of change for the world's emerging markets. Although the decade began with a burst of growth, it ended with a sharp decline. The 1990s have been a decade of transition, as these countries began to move from a centrally planned to a market-based system. The decade also saw a significant increase in the number of countries that have achieved middle-income status."

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Abstract: Eighty interviewees, 40 men and 40 women, were interviewed about their experiences of being a victim of sexual violence. They are divided into two groups: 40 who were victims of sexual violence and 40 who were not victims of sexual violence.

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Model 1 (with 10 parameters) and Model 2 (with 11 parameters) are shown in Figure 1. The difference in the beta coefficients and the relative frequency (and thus in the weighting) and variance of the parameters, may also be observed in the two

Needless to say, however, an intense world economic recession is not likely to occur. We can project at least a fairly good and stable, though not ideal, economic environment for the next decade. This is a good thing for the U.S. economy and for the U.S. dollar.

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These figures, however, do not paint a full picture of the situation. For instance, around 800,000 people (around 10% of the population) are unemployed, and the majority of them are young people. In addition, the government has not been able to attract foreign investment and to develop its economy.

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Routine Programming

*A bubbly routine
to sort lists into
orderly sequences*

By Eric Doyle

Programs often include lists of numbers or things which have to be displayed in an orderly way. This could be alphabetically or numerically. The bubbly sort subroutine can be used, suitably modified, for either purpose.

Bubbly sorts work by comparing neighbouring list items and swapping them over if one exceeds the other. Take this list as an example:



The first number is compared to the rest of the numbers in the list one at a time. If the number under comparison is smaller than the first number, a straight swap takes place. In this way the smallest value rises to the top.



After this process is completed, the second number is compared to all of the following figures in a similar way.



This is repeated, gradually pushing down the column until the last two characters are compared and swapped if necessary, and the sort is then complete.



The two elements of the sort are a loop which selects the character to be tested, and a loop within that, a nested loop which selects the remaining characters in the list for comparison.



```
60200 FORN1=1 FOR=1
60210 IF N1=1
60220 FORN2=FORN1
```

The value 2 is the number of items in the list. Line 60200 forms the main loop for the character to be tested. It only runs from the first to the master procedure's character because there would be no point in comparing the first character with itself.

Line 60210 indicates the first character to be tested by the nested loop which is initiated in line 60200. Line 60220 tests the two values, and if they are already in the correct order no action is taken and the exchange routine is bypassed.

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60230 IF N1>N2 THEN SWAPN1,N2
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If an exchange is necessary, this is done by using a temporary store for one of the values, so that values can be swapped with ease.

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60240 X=N1:N1=N2
60250 N2=X:X=N2
60260 X=N2:N2=X
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X20 takes the value held in X21 and X21 can then be given the value held in X20. The second value can then be moved from X20 to X24, and X20 may then be discarded.

Now that everything has been done, the loops can be closed and

eventually control is handed back to the program with a RETURN command.

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60270 NEXT N2, 21
60280 RETURN
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The listing above contains an example of numerical sorting using the substitution and there is also an alphabetical sort routine which shows how the routine has to be modified for this use. Really all that has happened is that the X(x) values are changed to Z(x).

Parameters for Main Program

Setting:

- 2: Number of list items
- Z(x): List item values

Return:

- Z(x): The sorted list

Other Variables Used

- Z1: Main loop variable
- Z2: Remainder of list items
- Z3: Nested loop variable

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CORRECTIONS FOR MARCH '89

HEAD FOR HOME

Once again those indefatigable gentlemen have saved the day.

The program as it stands will not run correctly. This is due to the fact that quite a lot of code is missing from the loader program. An amendment is on its way. The update will be published as soon as it reaches our office. We apologise for any inconvenience to our Plus 4 readers.

CORRECTIONS FOR APRIL '89

BALANCE SHEET

Unfortunately there appeared a couple of errors in the Balance Sheet program from the April Edition.

- 1) Page 131, right hand column, paragraph 4 should read Load "LBSTN" and not Load "LBSTT".
- 2) The second line of Listing 1 should be POKETN 131 POKETT 164.
- 3) All the REM statements should be taken out of Listing 1.
- 4) Again on page 16, right hand column, paragraph 1. This should read
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